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Couple hurt after masked man robs store in Dandan

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REPORTER

A storeowner and his wife were injured when a masked man armed with a machete and a gun that is believed to be a toy robbed the 7 Star Market along Dandan Road on Friday night.

The storeowner suffered a cut on the left side of his cheek and the two fingers on his left arm. His wife was also hurt in the arm and back. The two were taken to the hospital for treatment.

The Department of Public Safety has yet to release information about the robbery.

» Victim says suspect was also injured during their struggle

The storeowner, who agreed to speak on the condition that he not be identified, believes the suspect was also hurt because he (storeowner) grabbed a knife and threw a chair and other things at him (suspect)

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'CNMI Labor can investigate, report workplace injuries, death'

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Labor Secretary Edith Deleon Guerrero said that her department is responsible for investigations relating to work-related injuries and other incidents, for submission of reports to the Office of the Attorney General and other federal agencies for immediate action.

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Torres joins San Diego Chamorro festival

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo both attended the 8th Annual Chamorro Cultural Festival held over the weekend at the California State University's San Marcos campus in San Diego.

San Diego-based non-profit group Chamorro Hands in Education Links Unity or CHE'LU, organizes the annual event, which aims to preserve the Chamorros' Pacific Island cul-

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, second from left, gestures during an interview at the 8th Annual Chamorro Cultural Festival over the weekend at the California State University-San Marcos grounds. At left is Guam Gov. Eddie B. Calvo.

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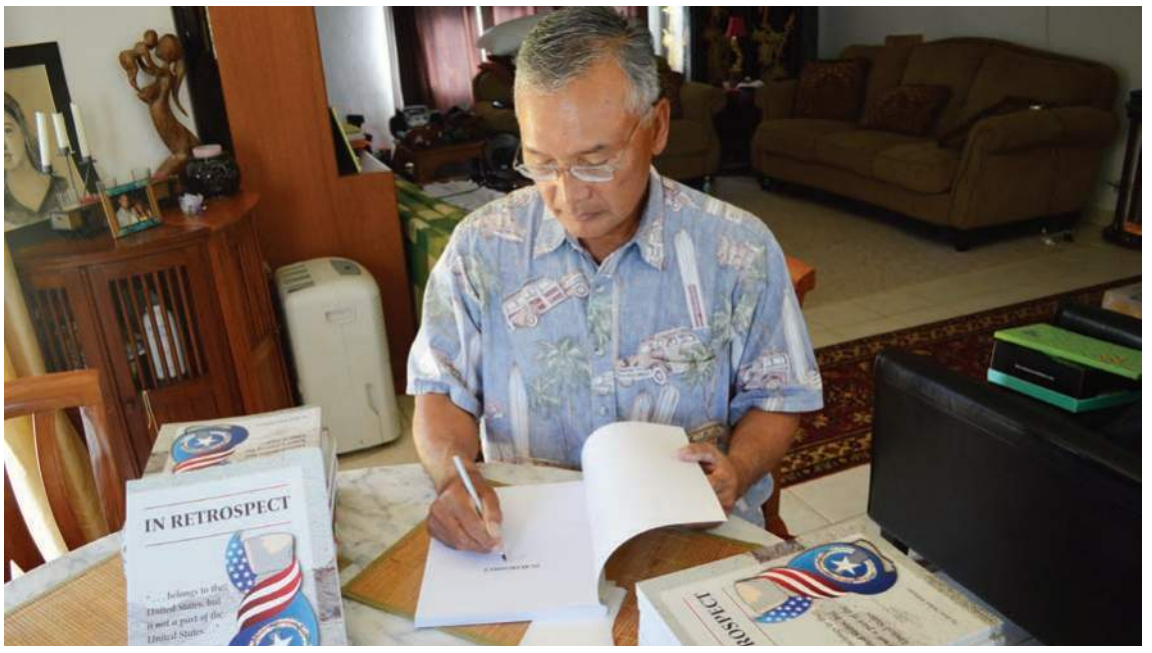

Former CNMI governor and author of *In Retrospect* Juan N. Babauta signs one of his books at his home. *In Retrospect* talks about the recent history of the CNMI, along with an analysis and explanation of issues, decisions, and more from the perspective of the sixth governor of the CNMI

ERWIN ENCINARES

Local

Babauta: I want to record a piece of CNMI history

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REPORTER

Whichever way you fall on the political spectrum, it cannot be denied that former governor Juan N. Babauta occupies a unique role in CNMI history, spending a large part of his life on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. and on Capital Hill on Saipan.

He shares that unique perspective with the public in his book, *In Retrospect*, written from the point of view of the former governor who recounts his life as a youth from Tanapag up to the time he served as the islands' chief executive and after.

Babauta said his book is "a review of the background, public service, and analysis of important and critical NMI issues documented and narrated by the sixth governor of the CNMI."

"It is a piece of NMI history that would be of interest to our students, people, and generations to come," he said.

Born on Sept. 7, 1953, the 63-year-old former governor spent more than a year and a half working on the book, two to three hours at a time, most of which he spent on research.

"All my notes were handwritten before typing them up on my laptop. I had someone review and edit my manuscript and another to format the final draft for printing," said Babauta.

Across the book's 226 pages, Babauta touches on several topics such as local and federal issues, as seen through his past experiences as a CNMI senator, CNMI representative to the U.S., and CNMI governor. He also does not hesitate to discuss controversies, touching on topics such as federal policy toward the territories, the garment industry, the fiscal posture of the CNMI government, and tax policy.

Babauta said he wishes to reach out to those who are interested in the recent history of the CNMI.

"I wish to give them a certain appreciation of a period of time in NMI history and how one person perceived that period, so I tried to capture that moment and write about a number of issues regarding our relationship with the federal government and certain laws imposed upon us by virtue of being a part of the U.S.," he said.

Babauta hopes readers get an understanding of "what went on" during his time and that an understanding of the events that took place was his "paramount concern" in writing the book.

When asked about his main perspective in writing the book, Babauta said it is about educating readers that the best advocate for the CNMI is someone from the CNMI, who is aware of local issues, who knows what is going on in the islands.

Born and raised in Tanapag before moving to Vermont at the age of 14, Babauta holds a master's degree in health planning and administration from the University of Cincinnati and a master's degree in political science and American history from the Eastern New Mexico University.

In Retrospect may be purchased by contacting Charlene Babauta through email at charmtudela@yahoo.com or through her mobile at 989-6249. *In Retrospect* may also be bought at Bestseller. The book costs $23.95.

Babauta would be holding a book signing at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library on April 12, from 3pm to 5pm.

4th Anniversary for the Kagman Community Health Center

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Former waitress pleads guilty to 'ice' possession

A former nightclub waitress who was one of four arrested in a buy-bust operation in Garapan and a raid on a Navy Hill home last October pleaded guilty last week in Superior Court.

Hong Hua Jin, 49, pleaded guilty to illegal possession of a controlled substance as part of a plea deal. She will be sentenced on Sept. 5, 2017.

Jin was found in possession of 7.8 gross grams of crystal methamphetamine on Oct. 27, 2016, on Saipan.

Under the plea deal, she will be sentenced to a prison term between zero to three years, with credit for time served, and a $2,000 fine.

Members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force and Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force, backed up by the Customs K-9 Unit, arrested Jin and three other persons in a buy-bust operation and a raid last October.

A total of 26 gross grams of "ice" were allegedly seized from the four suspects, all of them Chinese nationals.

The task force, together DEA task force officers, held a controlled buy-bust operation in Garapan last Oct. 27, using a cooperating defendant to buy "ice" from Ying Li, a Chinese woman, also known as Sister.

During the transaction, Li allegedly contacted her female roommate identified as Jin.

The cooperating defendant allegedly managed to purchase $790 worth of "ice" from Li and Jin inside a car in the parking lot behind T-Galleria in Garapan.

After the cooperating defendant sent a message that the transaction was done, the authorities arrested Li and Jin.

Two baggies containing a total of 2.6 gross grams of "ice" were allegedly recovered from the cooperating defendant and inside the passenger side of Li's vehicle.

During the search, Jin's purse was found to have six small bags of 7.8 gross grams of "ice" while Li's cellphone was found to have a small bag of 1.2 gross grams of "ice."

Li's change of plea hearing will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, at 9am. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Water outage in parts of Saipan

There is currently an emergency water service interruption in the Chalan Monsignor Martinez Road, Airport Road, As Lito, and portions of Koblerville and As Perdido areas.

The cause of the interruption is due to a failed 30-horsepower motor at the Isley booster station No. 2. Water operations personnel of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. are currently making the necessary repairs , expected to be completed last night. Although the repairs will be complete the water tanks will still need ample time to refill. Customers are advised to conserve water due to limited water supply.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282). ***(PR)***

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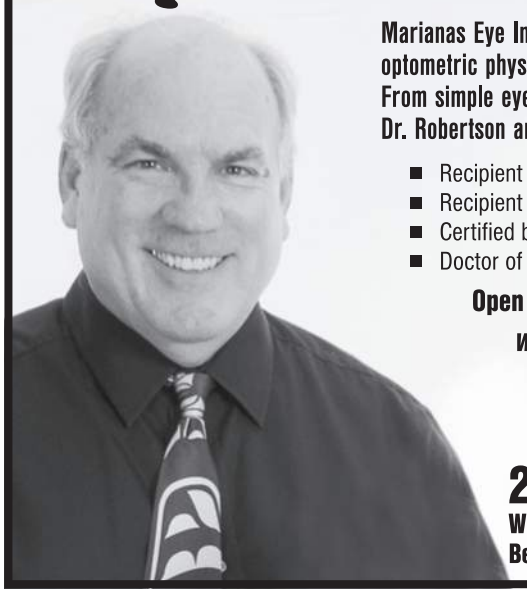

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Defense lawyer cries foul vs prosecutor's word use

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REPORTER

A defense lawyer has taken issue with a prosecutor's alleged use of the word c_____r to refer to him and moved to have the testimony of the government's first witness stricken from the record.

Victorino DLG. Torre, who is representing a man accused of punching a customer at a Garapan bar, disclosed Thursday that assistant attorney general Betsy Weintaub referred him as a "c_____r" last Tuesday.

Torres made the declaration in support of David Aguon's motion to strike testimony of police detective Flora Aguon, the government's witness.

When asked for comments, Weintraub cited the Rules of Professional Responsibility, saying it prohibit attorneys from publicly commenting on pending litigation.

"I will not violate those rules, even to defend myself from personal attacks," Weintraub said.

The government was given until today to file any opposition to Aguon's motion to strike.

Torres said he raised this issue with Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho, and that Weintraub admitted referring to him with such a word, but stated that it was a private conversation between herself and her co-counsel, assistant attorney general Jonathan Wilberscheid.

He said Weintraub stated in similar fashion that she may "cuss like a sailor" but will not lie to the court.

Torres said he did not seek sanctions or any remedy but merely requested that the prosecutor refrain from further misconduct.

In fact, Torres said, he expressly informed Camacho that he was not seeking for any sanctions but that such misconduct shall be discontinued.

"The purpose for admitting the previous inappropriate comment is that it is relevant when the court determines the compounding misconduct of the prosecutor," he said. "In my 15 years of practice, this is the first time that I have had to experience anything like this."

In Aguon's motion to strike testimony, Torres said after Camacho has stricken Aguon's in-court and out-of-court identification of the defendant, Weintraub deliberately engaged in having the detective do another in-court identification.

Torres said this constituted the third identification by the detective, all of which Camacho has determined improper.

"On the most recent violation, the severity cannot be overstated," he pointed out.

Another cursory instruction will not be a deterrent enough for Weintraub to understand the severity of her actions.

In the middle of the jury trial, the prosecution moved the court on Wednesday to allow the government to dismiss the lesser-included offenses of assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Camacho granted the motion.

This leaves the 31-year-old Aguon with only the aggravated assault and battery charge.

The trial will continue today. The jury trial began on Monday last week.

Aguon had testified that police officer Jason Tarkong showed her a photo of Aguon. Tarkong later denied showing Aguon any photo.

The defense's position is that the alleged victim was drunk and foulmouthed at the White and Black Bar in Garapan in March 2016.

Holley and Torres have clarified that Aguon is not a mixed martial artist.

Police said the victim, Christopher Broome, was taken to the hospital due to injuries to the bridge of his nose that required seven stitches.

Police said Broome told a police officer that he was punched in the face and was knocked out. Broome later identified the suspect inside the Tribes Bar in Garapan. Police then arrested Aguon.

MINA has 3 new board members

The Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance announced last week the appointment of three new members to its board: Sean Frink, Somia T. Quan, and Geralyn C. Dela Cruz.

Frink is an attorney and partner in the Marianas Legal Strategy Group. Quan was born and raised on Saipan, and has recently returned home after completing her master's degree at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Quan is the corporate projects manager of J.C. Tenorio Enterprises, Inc.'s Business Development Division. Dela Cruz is executive director of Corporate Social Responsibility at Imperial Pacific International (Pacific) LLC. She holds bachelor's degree in Biology and has worked with non-profit organizations such as the Marianas March Against Cancer and the Lady Diann Torres Foundation. She also chairs the CNMI Scholarship Program, is a member of Saipan Rotary Club, and Marianas Young Professionals.

The other MINA board members are: Fran Castro, Ron Smith, Dave Guerrero, and Don Hess.

The new board also announced the addition of Roberta Guerrero as executive director. She joins the current MINA staff: Becky Furey, Jolly Ann Cruz, Wayne Dawe, and Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong. ***(MINA)***

COUPLE

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during their struggle.

The suspect fled with an undetermined amount of cash aboard a getaway car and drove toward the airport area.

The suspect, who was wearing possibly a ski mask, entered the store between 9:20pm and 9:30pm, just as the storeowner's wife was taking out some beer as they were about to close at that time.

The storeowner said the suspect probably believed that his wife was alone. The storeowner had just arrived about 15 minutes earlier and was in the back of the store.

He said he overheard his wife telling the suspect twice that she does not have any money.

The storeowner came out from the back and saw the robber.

"He pointed a gun at me. I told him to shoot me. I was just waiting for the gun to pop," he said, adding that he immediately grabbed a knife as he and his wife then fought with the robber.

The victim said he believes that the suspect used a toy gun.

He said the store has a surveillance camera, but the suspect yanked the cash register, snapping the camera's cord. The storeowner is still checking if the camera caught the incident.

The suspect, who managed to grab some cash, ran to his car that he had parked outside and fled. The neighbors called the police.

It was the first time that the store was robbed.

Last Feb. 20, a masked man sprayed a storeowner with pepper mace during an armed robbery at LZ Market, also located along Dandan Road.

The masked robber, who was carrying a handgun, ran off with $800 in cash and got into a getaway car driven by another person.

The store's surveillance camera captured the robbery. No one was arrested in that incident.

Last October, a 44-year-old woman was injured when a group of masked persons beat her up, tied her arms behind her back, and taped her mouth hut during a robbery at her residence in Gualo Rai.

The suspects managed to take only a cell phone as they ran away when the victim's roommate arrived at the house, police said. No one was arrested.

LABOR

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Deleon Guerrero, in an email to *Saipan Tribune*, said she just wanted to provide more clarity on DOL's responsibilities that an employer have in relation to workplace injuries and/or deaths. Employers must make sure the workplace is safe and healthy for employees.

"Employers have the responsibility to report such injuries directly to the [United States Department of Labor-Occupational Safety and Health Administration] Office," said Deleon Guerrero.

She added that their investigations and filing of reports is separate from the work of OSHA's On-Site Consultation Division, which is under her department. That division earlier said that it does not have the authority to enforce or issue citations on safety and health violations in the workplace.

"Additionally, when tips and/or information is received by the CNMI DoL, it is also our responsibility to ensure that the information received is transferred to the appropriate federal office that has jurisdiction on enforcement and citations," said Deleon Guerrero.

"At the same time the CNMI DoL looks into the application of CNMI laws that grants the CNMI DoL authority to conduct an investigation and on matters like this. CNMI DoL [under Public Law] 15-108 has the authority to conduct an investigation and report in writing to the AG."

The local Labor secretary issued the statement after a worker accidentally died last week at the construction site of the Imperial Pacific Resort in Garapan. The laborer reportedly fell 24 feet from a scaffold.

"The CNMI DoL has conducted investigations of similar nature and has officially… submitted its report in writing to the AG's office. The CNMI DoL, however, does not discuss ongoing investigations."

CNMI OSHA's On-Site Consultation Division only provides technical assistance and conduct on-site consultations to employers, which is separate from the federal OSHA's Region IX office that had the authority to enforce laws and issue citations or impose penalties.

CNMI OSHA, according to the local labor department's website, is a U.S.-DoL cooperative program for small businesses that offers free and confidential on-site safety advice. They also give health advice to small and medium-sized businesses.

OSHA's Region IX office, of which the CNMI falls under, is the one that's authorized to conduct investigations and impose fines. The states of Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada, and the territories of American Samoa and Guam are also under Region IX.

OSHA, an umbrella agency under the U.S. Labor Department, requires employers under their jurisdiction to report all work-related deaths within eight hours, and all hospitalizations, amputations, and any losses of body parts within 24 hours of learning about the incident. The directive took effect on Jan. 1, 2015.

Action must be taken

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) said that immediate action should be done and, where necessary, steps must be followed to prevent another work-related injury in the future.

He met with OSHA officials, led by Enforcement Programs director Tom Gallassi, in Washington, D.C. last week to discuss the issue.

Sablan said work-related injuries in the CNMI have increased, based on a report released by the Commonwealth Healthcare Center, from 2015 to 2016. November 2016 had the highest number of injuries.

"Workplace injuries in the [CNMI] spiked last year, including a broken back, two amputations, and 80 serious injuries reported from construction sites in the Northern Marianas," said Sablan.

"[And] with a worker falling to his death [last] week, clearly more needs to be done. I met this week with [Gallassi] and other [U.S. OSHA] officials to find out what [they are] doing to prevent these injuries and take action against employers who fail to follow safety rules."

Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) also wrote CNMI House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan) to ask him to form an oversight in order to get answers.

TORRES

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ture. *Che'lu* means friend in Chamorro.

Torres said he supports efforts to preserve the indigenous cultural heritage of the Chamorro people.

"The CNMI Office of the Governor is proud to have helped CHE'LU in organizing the event, and to assist in promoting its mission of highlighting and strengthening the Chamorro language, culture and health through education," said Torres.

The festival showcases the arts, culture, customs, and the people of the Mariana island chain—the CNMI and Guam—where it attracts citizens in the entire United States and from other countries.

The festival's theme this yea is: *Ta Na'La'la'Gi Halom i Famagu'onta... i Lengguahita yan Kutturata* (Let it Live from Within Our Children... Our Language and Our Culture).

The festival, with its theme and venue, reinforced the organizers' educational goals by immersing visitors in the arts and culture of the Chamorro people, and introducing them to the history and customs of the Marianas.

"The [CCF] helps many of us Chamorros celebrate our unique cultural heritage with a vast array of workshops, arts and crafts, and entertainment," said CHE'LU board of directors chair Danny Blas.

"This event grows every year. The CCF has become the premier Chamorro event in the mainland [thousands of miles away] from the Marianas. Our team is proud to be able to continue the work to preserve [the Chamorro] culture, language, and way of life."

CHE'LU, established in 2005 to help preserve and promote the Chamorro culture in the U.S. mainland, is proud of their achievement, knowing that many of their people share their passion and desire in their culture and heritage.

The Sakman Chamorro outrigger canoe project is their other way of reaching out to the community by reigniting their ancient seafaring traditions. They also have cultural music and dance programs for the youth.

Triple I offers car as hole-in-one prize for Lions Club

Triple J Motors Saipan is the major sponsor of the 4th annual Saipan Unity Lions Club charity golf tournament on Saturday, April 1, at the Marianas Country Club.

All proceeds go toward building two bus stops in San Antonio.

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Registration is ongoing, and those interested may get registration forms at Graphics Inc. and Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

For more information, call Joe P. Digno at 287-4574; Noemi Catigan, 483-7183 or 237-0706; Alicia Barbo, 789-7967; Lynn de la Cruz, 789-8386; Lucia D. Buensalido 483-6023; or email sulcsaipan@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Navy training at FDM, Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Navy will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- March 27 and 30 from 10am to 7:30pm
- March 28 and 29 from 10-11:30am and 6-7:30pm
- March 31 from 10am to 3:30pm

The U.S. Navy will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 on March 28-30, from midnight to 10pm

The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. ***(PR)***

Water outage in Fina Sisu, As Perdido

There will be a scheduled water service interruption tomorrow, March 28, 2017, from 8am to 5pm in the Fina Sisu and As Perdido areas.

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Water/Wastewater Engineering and Operations staff will be conducting numerous tests on the water pressure around the Finasisu and As Perdido areas to determine necessary changes to provide a more effective and efficient operation. Customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of water services soon thereafter. ***(CUC)***

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OIA OKs $777,000 for CUC power plants

The Office of Insular Affairs has authorized the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to develop a waste management plan for power plants 1 and 2 in Lower Base in the amount of $777,000.

Special assistant attorney general Teresita J. Sablan informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI last week about OIA's authorization last March 17.

OIA grants management specialist Keith W. Aughenbaugh informed CUC acting executive director Gary Camacho that OIA has reviewed the memorandum for the waste plan and found it in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, and Department of Interior NEPA Regulations, and Draft Departmental Manual.

Sablan also disclosed that the ATP's for Environmental Protection Agency and the Engineering and Environmental Management Company management ($204,000) and Tank 103 Repairs ($4,019,000) are forthcoming. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

MCS congratulates her speech and debate knights

Mount Carmel School congratulates her speech and debate knights who rocked the recently held National Speech and Debate Association's regional competition.

Mount Cramel placers were: Nate Snodgrass 1st USX; 2nd Comm; Imp; PO; Reica Ramirez 2nd FX; 5th OO; Finalist ST; PRl Monica Usi 2nd PO; 4th OO; Semi-Finalist Expos; PO; Joshua Santos 3rd FX; 3rd Comm; Imp; PO; Jeff Matthew Melchor Jeff Matthew Melchor 4th DI; 4th Imp; LD; PR; Jim Michael Ham 4th USX; Finalist Comm, Imp, PO; Theresa Zheng 5th USX; 5th Comm; Imp; PO; El Le Toskas 5th Expos; Semi-Finalist OO; PO; Michelle Palacios DI, PO, PR; and Lleyton Javier OO, Imp, PR.

The volunteer judges were: Rosiky Camacho, Helene Manning, Judy Ann Ramirez, Luz Baldazo, Keiko Yamagata, Aurelia Melchor, James Toskas, Ed Javier, Rhodalyn Mercene, Joyce Gragasin, Tasia Sablan, Tina Snodgrass, Lynn Santos, Shirley Villagomez, Geralgene C. Serrano, and Mila Calibo.

"A big thank you to our NJSDA/NSDA coordinators and coaches, Filmah Buenaflor and Toby Smith," the school said in a statement. ***(PR)***

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Glushko Academy to stage 2-day ballet concert

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REPORTER

Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts will once again stage a ballet concert on April 1 and 2 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, this time showcasing an excerpt from the ballet classic *Don Quixote.*

Anna Glushko, owner, director, and choreographer of Glushko's Academy, said the ballet concert next Saturday and Sunday will introduce Saipan's balletomanes to world-class performers.

Three Russian dancers from St. Petersburg are expected to participate in the two-day concert.

Glushko said this year's performers belong to the "… top performers in the world. They live and perform in St. Petersburg but they travel all over the world. They have hundreds and thousands of people come to watch them."

Besides the three Russian guest dancers, there will also be a guest performer from Japan, a former student of Glushko's Academy who moved to Japan at the age of 22. There will also be 15 students from Glushko's Academy who will be performing in the concert next Saturday and Sunday.

Since 2002, the Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts has hosted numerous ballet concerts on Saipan. The events are also intended to give a chance to the students of Glushko's Academy to perform and to see what it takes to be a ballet dancer and to be a part of a performance.

Glushko said this concert will also mark the 15th anniversary of Glushko's Academy. "We opened Glushko's Academy in January 2002 and our first big performance was in the year 2002, so this performance will be our 15th year," Glushko said.

Tickets will be sold at Highway Shell gas stations in Puerto Rico and Susupe. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the Shenanigan's Restaurant in Garapan, or at the gate before the performance.

It's $10 for children, $15 for adults, and $25 for VIP seating. For more information, call Glushko at 670-483-6271.

JOIN A BAND! CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Two Saipan Pacific Winds members performed with the Guam Territorial Band at the Carnegie Hall last March 24. Tuba player Ted Parker and alto saxophonist Atsuko Eck point to the performance announcement on Carnegie's playbill poster. "We are honored to be allowed the chance to perform in such a acoustically perfect venue," said Parker. Eck, Saipan Pacific Wind's conductor, agreed. "We invite all our fellow musicians on Saipan to join the band so they can have a chance to experience a similar once in a lifetime event." said Eck. "If you don't play, you can't win." Any students, adult musicians or "roadies" are encouraged to check out SPW's Facebook page to ask about joining.

Eric Tydingco is Make-A-Wish president and CEO

TAMUNING, Guam—The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam & CNMI board announced yesterday that Eric Tydingco has been named president and CEO, effective Feb. 20.

Tydingco has been serving as interim executive director since September 2016.

The position of executive director has been renamed to president and CEO to maintain consistency with other national chapters.

Tydingco brings a wealth of experience, having served on the Make-A-Wish board as a director from 2010 until 2016 and as chairman from 2015-2016.

"I started as a volunteer and was fortunate for the opportunity to then serve on the board of directors," said Tydingco. "It is often said that once a person encounters the work and mission of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, there is a lasting connection that will forever be intact. That is very true for me. Everything about what this organization does for the children of Guam and the CNMI is important to me."

As required by Make-A-Wish America, the search committee hired an independent hiring firm and conducted a monthlong search in January, which generated numerous applicants.

"After an extensive interview process with a number of highly qualified candidates recommended by the hiring firm, the search committee stood unanimously behind Eric. His experience, knowledge of the organization, and vision for the future made him the ideal choice to take Make-A-Wish Guam & CNMI to the next level," said Ana Maria Gayle, board chair. ***(PR)***

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FHB, magazine ready to present business award

MAITE, Guam—First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business* magazine will recognize dynamic businesswomen in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands at the 12th annual Businesswoman of the Year Maga'håga Award gala.

The gala will be held on April 29 at the Hyatt Regency Guam in conjunction with the release of the *Guam Business* May-June issue, which will feature a commissioned photo of the recipient on its cover.

Proceeds from the gala will fund scholarships at the University of Guam, Guam Community College, and Northern Marianas College. Since 2006 the Businesswoman of the Year program has awarded a total of $234,325.50 in scholarships to students in the CNMI and Guam.

The Saipan nominees for this year's Maga'håga award are Velma Ann M. Palacios and Kanae S. Quinn.

Palacios is director of network operations, head of network for CNMI, manager of engineering and manager of plant technical services of IT&E. Quinn is the owner of Quinn Consulting LLC and co-owner of Marianas Fitness Ltd., which does business as Gold's Gym Saipan.

From left, Pika P. Fejeran, president of Hot Concepts Inc., secretary and treasurer of In the Kitchen Inc., which does business as In the Kitchen, and partner in Guahan Eats, which does business as Pika's Cafe; Kanae Quinn, owner of Quinn Consulting LLC and co-owner of Marianas Fitness Ltd. which does business as Gold's Gym Saipan; Velma Palacios, director of network operations, head of network for CNMI, manager of engineering and manager of plant technical services of IT&E; Glendalyn C. Carolino, president and controller, Polyphase System Inc. and General Electric Material Supply; and Ramona L. Jones, vice president and CEO, Jones and Guerrero Co. Inc.

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The other nominees are Glendalyn C. Carolino, president and controller of Polyphase System Inc. and Guam Electrical Material Supply; Pika P. Fejeran, president of Hot Concepts Inc., partner of Guahan Eats which does business as Pika's Café, and secretary and treasurer of In the Kitchen Inc., which does business as Kitchen Lingo; Ramona L. Jones, vice president and CEO of Jones and Guerrero Co. Inc.; Melanie Mendiola, project director of Farm to Table Guam' and Jennifer LG. Rodriguez, owner of Loco Promos.

The nominees are being honored for making significant contributions to their industries and demonstrating a strong commitment to their community.

Tickets for the gala may be purchased by contacting Melinda Sanchez at mindisan@gmail.com and 671-929-5343.

The winner will join the previous Businesswoman of the Year Maga'håga award recipients: Sophia Chu Wisgten, general manager, Hyatt Regency Guam (2016); Joann G. Camacho, director of market development of DFS Guam (2015); Shirley Ann T. Sablan, executive vice president and general manager of Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc. (2014); F. Marie Calvo-Monge, chief operating officer and executive producer of Pacific Telestations (2013); Mary P. Rhodes, president of the Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association and president of MARQ Consulting Services (2012); Joyce Q. Crisostomo, executive director of Cars Plus and president of Payless Car Rental (2011); Anna Wang Kao, founder and president of Genghis Khan Furniture Co. (2010); Lorraine S. Okada, president of Okada Managing Consulting Services (2009); Julienne Rose Perez Duenas, physical therapist, owner and clinical director of Sports, Orthopedic and Active Rehabilitation Inc. (2008); Christine Won Pat Baleto, master franchise and store owner, Pacific Froots LLC (2007); and Katherine C. Sgro, executive vice president and chairwoman of the board for Pay-Less Markets Inc. (2006).

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

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IFET DRIVE 4-INCH WATERLINE PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Ifet Drive 4-Inch Waterline Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of new installation of new 4-inch & 6-inch distribution lines and tapping to existing mains. The work also includes the installation of new flush hydrant, new water lateral connections, relocation and reconnection of existing water meters and asphalt pavement restoration, etc. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications. CUC requires the Project to be completed in **120 calendar days** from date of award of contract

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **March 29, 2017** at **10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-17-021, Ifet Drive 4-Inch Waterline Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 05, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

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This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on March 31, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Man sentenced in death of pregnant ex-girlfriend in Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP)—A judge sentenced a man Friday to life in prison with the possibility of parole in the murder of his ex-girlfriend who disappeared while pregnant with his child in Hawaii.

A jury last year convicted 27-year-old Steven Capobianco of second-degree murder in the death of Carly "Charli" Scott. She was five months pregnant when she disappeared from the island of Maui in 2014.

Second Circuit Chief Judge Joseph Cardoza said Friday that Capobianco had lured Scott to her death. He said the defendant is self-centered for killing her and his own son because he didn't want to be tied to Scott as her child's father.

"That is so tragic and senseless," the judge said.

Jurors who found Capobianco guilty also agreed that the crime was especially heinous, so Cardoza could have imposed a harsher sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. But the judge suggested Capobianco could successfully appeal that because it's not clear how Scott died.

Family and friends addressing the court during the sentencing hearing urged Capobianco to reveal the location of Scott's body.

"Where is she?" Scott's mother, Kimberlyn Scott, whispered while facing Capobianco in court. "Where are they? Give her back to us. Do one decent thing and give her back."

Carly Scott's father, Robert Scott, was removed from the courtroom after he lashed out at defense attorney Jon Apo.

Robert Scott shouted, pointed at Apo and said he should be ashamed of himself.

Capobianco, who is three years younger than Scott, met her in 2009. They lived together for two years, but "the defendant would tell his friends that they were just roommates and he did not like to take pictures with her," Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Robert Rivera told jurors in his opening statement at the lengthy trial.

They broke up, but Scott continued to love him, "even though she knew he didn't care about her," Rivera said.

When they were no longer a couple, Capobianco had another girlfriend and Scott got pregnant. She decided to continue with the pregnancy even though Capobianco insisted on an abortion, Rivera said.

Apo countered that Capobianco was starting to come around to the idea of having a child.

Scott's sister, Fiona Wais, said in court Friday that Scott was forgiving.

"She loved you enough to forgive so much," Wais said to the defendant. "You took away the one thing she wanted to be. She wanted to be a mom."

Maui Prosecuting Attorney John "J.D." Kim said he was disappointed in the judge's findings but understood the reasoning.

Some of Scott's blood-stained clothing and her jawbone were found after her disappearance, ending any hope she might still be alive.

Jurors also convicted Capobianco of arson after prosecutors said he torched her sport-utility vehicle to cover up the killing. Cardoza sentenced him to 10 years for the arson, to be served consecutively with the murder sentence.

Capobianco didn't testify during his trial. He also declined to speak at his sentencing hearing.

"Where is she? Where are they?" spectators shouted from the gallery as Capobianco was led out of the courtroom.

The Hawaii Paroling Authority will determine how many years Capobianco must serve before being eligible for parole.

Palacios signs appropriation bill for Rota

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Acting governor Arnold I. Palacios signed last week an appropriation bill for Rota; House Local Bill 20-7, D1 is now Rota Local Law 20-1, allocating a total of $50,000 for various projects at the municipality.

The money came from local license fees collected from poker and pachinko slot machines and $30,000 left over from a previous appropriation measure.

RLL 20-1 allocates almost $45,000 to Rota patients after the Rota Legislative Delegation saw the need to provide an allowance to its residents who are undergoing dialysis and other treatment for their terminal illnesses. RLL 20-1 also authorizes the use of $5,000 for non-profit group ROMARCA's administrative operations.

A total of $44,700 would be given to 65 Rota residents as monthly subsistence allowances when they undergo dialysis or other treatment for their respective terminal illnesses.

The allowances vary from $300 to $350 for each month and are payments for the months of November and December 2016. The remaining $300 from the $45,000 is for the shipping cost of library resource materials from Saipan to Rota.

Fifty-one would receive $700 for two months, where it would also help four patients who are minors. Their locations are either in the CNMI (Saipan or Rota, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

'20 new cops will augment Saipan force'

Before the year ends, about 20 new police officers will augment the Saipan force of the Department of Public Safety, according to police chief Robert Guerrero.

He said the police academy cycle just recently started and that 20 of the cadets are for Saipan, five are for Tinian, and six are for Rota.

The training will be completed in four to five months.

Guerrero said the new officers for Saipan will all be assigned at the DPS frontline or at patrol section.

"That's going to help us a lot," he said.

At present, he said, Saipan has 131 police officers, Tinian has 15, and Rota has 30. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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We can't walk away from a world in crisis

Americans watched in alarm but not shock as Parliament was locked down after a "terrorist incident" in London on Wednesday, the first anniversary of the deadly attack in Brussels. A refugee camp in Nigeria was also bombed on Wednesday—again—by five Boko Haram suicide bombers who'd slipped in the night before, alongside vendors of the charcoal that those who've come to the camp to escape Boko Haram need to cook their food. The day before, a car bomb killed 10 people in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia. And a few days before that, 42 Somali refugees were killed when a helicopter fired on their boat off the coast of Yemen.

The through-line of this bloody snapshot is Islamic terrorism. But the response, as laid out in President Donald Trump's budget blueprint, is to pump an extra $54 billion into the best-funded military in the world while cutting investment in virtually everything else.

One of the most counterproductive cuts of all, however, is the plan to make our country safer by slashing such "soft power" staples as diplomacy and foreign aid.

There's no serious debate about the fact that terror and instability are inextricably linked.

Even Sen. Lindsey Graham, the South Carolina Republican who spends just about full time advocating military action, knows how such cuts would work: It "would be a disaster. If you take soft power off the table, then you're never going to win the war."

Foreign aid accounts for less than 1 percent of the federal budget. And as Graham said, "Investing over there, even though we have needs here, makes us safer."

That's the strategic argument, but the moral imperative is even more compelling: We cannot walk away from the world amid what the United Nations is calling the most serious humanitarian crisis since 1945.

Twenty million people are at risk of starvation in four African countries: Nigeria, Yemen, Somalia and South Sudan, where a famine has been declared and a potential genocide has not. Millions have been forced to flee their homes in the country we helped midwife just six years ago, and tribal violence has created a hellscape of forced starvation, mass rapes and towns empty now except for the starving animals that farmers had to leave behind.

Trump's answer to a situation we've sworn more than once never to stand by and let happen seems to be to cut funding to the United Nations, which for all its problems does a heroic job of working with refugees.

"It's time to prioritize the security and well-being of Americans," the president said recently. But to do that, we cannot abandon a world in trouble.

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WHY WON'T THE REPUBLICANS PUSH FOR AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION?
BECAUSE IT WOULD BE INDEPENDENT.
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Unveiling of budget proposal is just an empty ritual

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Every society has its rituals. Indeed, while the details vary from place to place and time to time, ritual itself is a human universal, according to anthropologist Donald Brown.

I'm a big believer in the importance of rituals. They provide an important conduit for the transmission of priorities, meaning and respect in any society. Where I think civilizations run into trouble is when they don't recognize a ritual for what it is.

The Roman Empire was full of rituals and rites. These customs helped the Romans organize into the most formidable social organization the world had ever seen, ruling a vast swath of the globe. But over time, the rituals of the empire drifted away from the demands of governing.

This is how empires fall: when the facts on the ground do not fit the rules and expectations of those who govern.

The 1987 film "The Last Emperor" chronicles the life of Puyi, the last emperor of China. It offers a poignant taste of the disconnect between the rituals of an antiquated ruling class and the society that has moved on. Puyi is holed up in the Forbidden City, surrounded by guards, court eunuchs and other servants who cater to his every whim, even as the revolutionary armies marched on the walls to take China in a different direction.

Of course, it's not just empires. This is how all regimes—monarchies and democracies included—ultimately perish. The rituals that once helped enforce order become distractions from the demands of reality.

This thought occurred to me recently while watching the spectacle of the latest White House budget proposal.

The unveiling of the presidential budget is an odd ritual in Washington. It is greeted as a document of great significance, even though its unveiling is almost never anything more than an act of pure symbolism. Activists with vested interests in the force and direction of the money spigot pretend not to know this and ritualistically gnash their teeth and rend the cloth of their figurative togas in outrage if the president does not offer more money than was offered the year before. (In Washington, trimming the rate of increase is considered a cut.)

My point is not to defend every spending priority of the Trump administration, nor to say that Trump's proposed budget is indefensible.

Rather, my point is that the game itself is disconnected from reality. It is the budgetary equivalent of a gladiatorial contest—a distracting spectacle that has little bearing on the fundamental problems we face. We argue about whether or not Cookie Monster should be fed to the lions. We beseech the crowd to answer whether NPR should get the thumbs up or the thumbs down.

These are all entertaining battles, but it's theater, little more than budgetary stagecraft.

To strain the metaphor a bit, the real threat to the Republic isn't inside the gladiatorial arenas of talk radio and cable television; it's the barbarian horde of debt and entitlement.

Non-defense discretionary spending amounts to roughly 16 percent of the budget. You could cut all of it to zero and you would only slightly delay the fiscal reckoning that would come from the metastasizing growth of the national debt and the entitlement spending that fuels it. In 2008, the federal debt was 39 percent of GDP. Last summer, it was 75 percent of GDP. According to the Congressional Budget Office, if we stay on our current course, it will be 86 percent by 2026. By 2046, it will hit 141 percent of GDP.

With regard to the president's rumored plan to cut $10.5 trillion over the next 10 years, the Cato Institute's Mike Tanner writes: "Without making changes to our insolvent entitlement programs—Social Security and Medicare alone face some $80 trillion in future red ink—there is simply no way to get anywhere near $10.5 trillion in spending cuts."

But neither President Trump nor the Democratic leadership wants to cut entitlements. Trump's budget simply moves the money around, and he has yet to unveil the costs of his additional spending for his big infrastructure push.

The causes of Rome's fall are the subject of endless debate, but nearly all historians agree that one of the major factors was the endless accumulation of debt driven by entitlements—largely in the form of land and titles of nobility—to more and more segments of Roman society.

The Caesars and the senators simply found it too difficult a problem to fix, so they played their ritualistic games until reality had its say.

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Huge military budget is already more than sufficient

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A president with business acumen should understand that throwing more money at an already over-budgeted asset isn't wise.

Yet President Donald Trump recently unveiled a federal budget blueprint that seeks "one of the largest increases in national defense spending in American history."

The fiscal plan, when read with an understanding of what other countries spend on their militaries, fails to make a convincing case for increasing what's an already-massive expense— in our case, nearly $600 billion a year.

China spends about $150 billion a year, but our contentions with China are mainly in the economic realm. Russia, unlikely to send its military far from home, spends $60 billion a year and has been cutting back. North Korea, for all its missile-rattling, is small potatoes.

Trump's budget justifies the spending hike by describing the military as being saddled with "aging ships, planes and other vehicles" in need of replacement. But the document avoids the realities of how much such materiel cost.

Earlier this month, Trump assembled a Navy audience aboard the new USS Gerald R. Ford, a mammoth aircraft carrier that has given the term "cost overrun" new meaning. Price tag: $13 billion.

Standing on its deck, he told the cheering sailors, "We're going to soon have more coming."

He did not mention that war games have shown gigantic aircraft carriers to be highly susceptible to today's sophisticated anti-ship weapons or that we rely on such ships far more heavily than any other country.

And while Trump has done his share to pressure military contractors to keep their costs under control, the real question is whether such firms should be building these behemoths in the first place.

The budget's stated goal of deterring war cannot be accomplished without strong diplomacy, yet the plan virtually guts the State Department, whose new chief, Rex Tillerson, seems content overseeing the drastic downsizing.

Trump is enamored of nuclear weapons but has not explained what a modernized nuclear force would look like or what purpose it would serve.

We are well beyond the Cold War strategy of mutual assured destruction, premised on the hope that neither we nor the Soviet Union would strike first.

Trump's desired spending increase could perhaps be justified as a Depression-era-like measure to create jobs. But instead of spending more on a well-equipped military, we should direct those dollars toward another signature Trump aim: salvaging our crumbling infrastructure at home.

The budget explains that the increase in military spending will be balanced by cuts in other programs, many of them domestic.

Nancy Pelosi, who leads the Democrats in the House of Representatives, says that the projected boost in military spending would cause "far-reaching and long-lasting damage to our ability to meet the needs of the American people."

Donald Trump was pressured by critics to stop being a businessman when he took the oath of office. Maybe those critics were wrong. Maybe President Trump needs to put his business hat back on.

Democrats have a nasty little Gorsuch problem

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Neil Gorsuch will have the support of all 52 Senate Republicans for confirmation to the Supreme Court. He also could win the votes of a half-dozen or so Democrats, and therein lies a problem for that party.

Unlike President Donald Trump's budget or the Republican health-care plan, which are so flawed that it's easy for all Democrats to oppose them, backing Gorsuch may have some political appeal for Democrats from conservative states. That has inflamed left-wing activists, who have threatened to oppose any Senate Democrat who supports Trump's Supreme Court nominee.

That category might include several incumbent senators who face competitive re-election races next year, such as West Virginia's Joe Manchin or North Dakota's Heidi Heitkamp.

They will be painted by Republican opponents next year as obstructionists. To counter that charge, it may be useful to be able to say that they voted for a Republican nominee, whom Democrats can't defeat anyway and who wouldn't change the ideological balance of the Supreme Court. Gorsuch would replace the late conservative Justice Antonin Scalia.

But energized liberal activists, still smarting over the way Republicans blocked President Barack Obama's court nominee, Judge Merrick Garland, are threatening primary challenges next year against Democrats who don't oppose Gorsuch. Michael Moore, the left-wing filmmaker, warned Senate Democrats on Twitter that if they did not "filibuster and block" the Gorsuch nomination, "we will find a true progressive and primary u in next election."

Similar messages are being sent elsewhere: In Seattle, for example, a liberal blog this week called for pressuring Sen. Maria Cantwell to oppose Gorsuch in every way.

Abortion-rights advocates and some labor unions that have stopped short of threats have still cast the vote as a loyalty test.

The liberal wing wants party leaders to filibuster the Gorsuch nomination, which would put even more pressure on Democratic senators from conservative states. Much as the leaders would like to avoid what would probably be a futile gambit anyway—Republicans could eliminate the filibuster if they didn't have 60 votes for confirmation—urging from the left will make it hard to do.

For the leaders, disheartened after the drubbing they took in November, the outpouring of anti-Trump activism has been encouraging. Many of them consider it a mirror image of the Tea Party uprising eight years ago that energized a Republican comeback.

But they also remember that right-wing activists cost Republicans some Senate seats. In Delaware, for example, the self-described anti-masturbation activist Christine O'Donnell won a 2010 primary upset over a popular mainstream Republican and then lost the general election to Democrat Chris Coons. Republicans thus lost a golden opportunity to take the Senate seat vacated by Vice President Joe Biden. Similar right-wing primary victories hurt Republican prospects in Missouri and Indiana.

Some Democratic leaders, who are counting on retaining their Senate incumbents next year in an anti-Trump electoral wave, hope to be able to deflect anger over a Gorsuch confirmation vote. First, they can argue that it's not a key vote because it would be subsequent High Court nominations that would tilt the balance of the court.

They also want to focus attention on Trumpcare and the administration's proposed budget, both of which are unfriendly to voters in a number of conservative states where Trump did well and Democratic incumbent senators are up for re-election. It's these issues, more than the Gorsuch vote, that they hope activists will focus on when lawmakers go home during the congressional recess early next month.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Marpi cable car

A cable car that's not meant to be enjoyed. But it's supposed to let us have a beautiful panoramic view of the northern part of the island from up high, coming down from Suicide Cliff to Banzai Cliff or vice versa. A revolving panorama of this mystic region generally known as Magpi in Chamorro, Marpi by any other language. This area is mostly unexplored since the cessation of World War II and the subsequent fencing of the area by Far Eastern Foundation-NTTU-CIA, from the northern boundary of Inai Papau, up Matansa, up San Juan Hill, and over the ridge to Inai Laggua. What would you see from the cable car, assuming it's there. Let's be imaginative for a moment.

The cable car is a vehicle the like of a lift which would enable people, both locals as well as tourists, to see and enjoy views not readily viewable yet, especially that of the revolving panorama, in every direction. I don't think it would spoil the oriental-base scenery 800 feet below, at the lower level, if the lift is designed with aesthetics in mind to mesh with the surrounding greens. The cable would not be glaringly visible, neither would the car be, since both would be up there in the sky. The existence of the line and car would actually be an addition to the beauty of the area. But then, I am conjecturing because the cable and the boxcar are not there yet. Or may never be there. A pity at best.

I'm sure that if the design is made to mesh the facility base stations at both end of the line with the surrounding greens, it would greatly curb criticism. But I am basing my opinion on my actual experience riding the cable car in Nikko, Japan. One would really have to try to look to see the cable and the boxcar. And then the moving cable and the gliding boxcar could probably be a great sky-view. And I don't think the scenery from the ground below around the memorial monuments and command post would really be disturbed. The Nikko cable car does not disturb the Toshogu, the burial memorial shrine of the great Tokugawa Ieyasu.

I was elated when I heard that there was going to be a cable car in Marpi. But then, I was disappointed when I heard that the proposal was rejected in a presentation hearing. It would have been a great help for our struggling tour agencies, as well as providing a great diversion for us, other than just riding up to Marpi, Banzai Cliff, Suicide Cliff, Bird Island, and return. The cable car would have been an addition to our scenic stop, and a great recreational activity. I guess the group that decided that a sky-high cable and boxcar would ruin the Marpi scenery has never ridden a cable car. And I beg to differ.

I have been on a cable car ride several times in Nikko, Japan, and the rides were really exciting, oscillating between a bit scared and uplifting, from up Lake Chuzenji, floating down to downtown Nikko Station. That cable car facility does not ruin the environmental surroundings since it is restricted to a small land area. So what if the cable car is moved to Tapochau, to Gualo Rai, or from Saipan to Tinian? How is that going to ruin the *tangan tangan* or the sosgi or the Saipan-Tinian channel sharks? In my opinion, the group that objects to the placing of the cable car in Marpi, Tapotchau-Gualo Rai or Saipan-Tinian, should really reconsider its decision from the standpoint of aesthetic, environmentally healthy tourism progressive project, as well as a good revenue source, for whatever it's worth. A cable car in Marpi, Tapochau, and Saipan-Tinian would really be a great diversion. It would keep the tour agencies moving. It would present a scenic beauty from up there on the boxcar. Like the lingo in radio-TV broadcasting, the tour agencies would be enabled to "keep on truckin'." How is the *sosgi* or the *tangan tangan* be ruined by a very small operation like a cable car which would spend most of its time in the sky? It's not a dead issue, is it?

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Garapan, Saipan

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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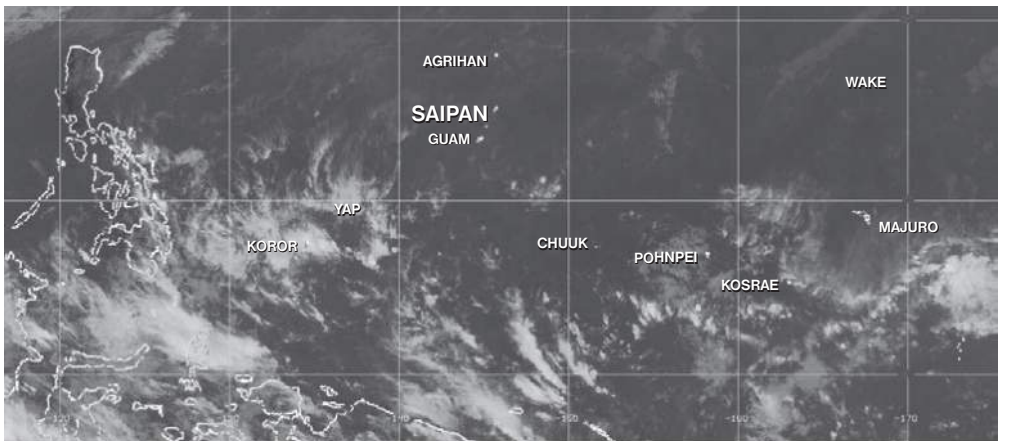
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:15 AM, SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Light east winds and weak high pressure prevail across the Marianas. Dry season weather will prevail through Monday as moisture will remain shallow with partly cloudy and isolated showers are all that is expected. The GFS model continues to show showers developing over the Marianas around Tuesday night and continuing until Friday night. The ECMWF and NAVGEM models also show a few showers, but not as much as the GFS. The shower activity appears to be from trade-wind convergence north of a shear line. Not certain about scattered showers at this time so coverage remains isolated in the forecast. With deep layer moisture increasing, do expect at least mostly cloudy skies the second half of the week. Despite the difference the models have in shower coverage, they do agree with increasing winds to 10 to 20 mph Monday through Friday. The increase in winds will be the result of high pressure building out over the Northwest Pacific.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87 | 79 °F
Palau	Thunderstorms	85 | 77 °F
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	90 | 71 °F
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	85 | 79 °F
Pohnpei	Overcast	82 | 78 °F
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	85 | 79 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84 | 80 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	74 | 64 °F
Beijing	Clear	60 | 36 °F
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	72 | 61 °F
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	85 | 71 °F
London	Clear	55 | 40 °F
Los Angeles	Clear	71 | 52 °F
Manila	Clear	91 | 78 °F
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	89 | 56 °F
Miami	Clear	81 | 69 °F
New York	Cloudy	49 | 42 °F
Osaka	Light Rain	56 | 44 °F
Paris	Clear	59 | 41 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	56 | 37 °F
Rome	Partly cloudy	65 | 46 °F
Salem	Cloudy	53 | 44 °F
San Francisco	Clear	60 | 48 °F
Seoul	Clear	53 | 33 °F
Tokyo	Rain	50 | 42 °F
Washington, DC	Partly cloudy	68 | 52 °F

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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
1:48 AM	LOW TIDE	0.09
7:56 AM	HIGH TIDE	2.02
2:13 PM	LOW TIDE	0.34
8:04 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.04

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:16 AM	6:28 PM
Tuesday	6:15 AM	6:28 PM
Wednesday	6:14 AM	6:29 PM
Thursday	6:14 AM	6:29 PM
Friday	6:13 AM	6:29 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	5:27 AM	5:42 PM	-
Tuesday	6:14 AM	6:39 PM	-
Wednesday	7:01 AM	7:38 PM	-
Thursday	7:50 AM	8:38 PM	-
Friday	8:41 AM	9:39 PM	-

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UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily
ZE582	4:25pm	8:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	2:55am	6:10am	1, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5

SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)

7C3433	3:55am	7:30am	3, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:50am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:30am	Daily via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	11:10pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

UO43	4:40am	8:10am	1, 3, 4, 6
HX077	2:15am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6391/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	8:25am	1:45pm	Daily
ZE581	10:15am	3:35pm	Daily
7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	8:15pm	1:35am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	8:30pm	1:20am+1	6, 7
OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
7C3452	9:35pm	2:15am+1	3, 4

JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN

7C3434	10:05pm	2:40am+1	2, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
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OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:20pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
UO42	4:50pm	12:05am+1	2, 6
UO42	6:05pm	1:10am+1	1
UO42	6:10pm	1:10am+1	4
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Electrician's Mate Fireman Misty Heath, a sailor assigned to the submarine tender USS *Emory S. Land*, paints a parking-line guide during a community relations event in the village of Merizo, Guam, in preparation of the 9th Annual Malesso Gupot Chamorro/Crab Festival.

U.S. NAVY/MCS3 DANIEL WILLOUGHBY

Lt. Takana Jefferson, a Navy chaplain, and Hull Maintenance Technician 3rd Class Amoure Graham, both sailors assigned to the submarine tender USS *Emory S. Land*, mix a paint can during a community relations event in the village of Merizo, Guam, in preparation of the 9th Annual Malesso Gupot Chamorro/Crab Festival.

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CHAMORRO HERITAGE MONTH FESTIVITIES

Submarine tender sailors prepare Merizo village

By MCS3 DANIEL WILLOUGHBY
USS EMORY S. LAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

POLARIS POINT, Guam—Twelve sailors assigned to the submarine tender USS *Emory S. Land* supported Merizo village on March 23 during a community service event in support of the village's yearly festival.

Sailors assisted in the preparation of the 9th Annual Malesso Gupot Chamorro Heritage/Crab Festival, which took place from March 24 to March 26. The festival highlightd Chamorro Heritage Month, which displayed Chamorro culture, heritage, arts, and language to everyone in Guam.

Chamorro resident Ronnie Santos volunteered at the event and talked with sailors about the importance of the Chamorro Heritage Month celebration.

"Chamorro Heritage Month is a reflection of our ancestors and what they have done for this island," said Santos. "This is all about the respect we give to our ancestors, and I'm very happy that the Navy is here joining us, learning from us, and respecting our culture."

Emory S. Land commanding officer Capt. Douglas A. Bradley expressed his appreciation to the local Chamorros and sailors working together to make the festivities possible for everyone in Guam.

"Collaborative community events like this allow our sailors and the United States Navy to demonstrate our commitment to the citizens of Guam," said Bradley. "Not only do we have our primary mission in the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of operation, we are committed to maintaining a positive relationship with the Chamorro community. I am proud of the goodwill spread by our sailors today and for their positive example as ambassadors of the United States Navy."

The submarine tenders alternate between providing support for in-port submarines in Guam and deploying in support of forward-operating units across the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility. One of their primary missions is providing rapid on-site repairs for forward-deployed units to maintain their material readiness. Another part of the submarine tender mission is fostering relationships with the residents of Guam and with partner nations while deployed through community relations events and tours.

"Chamorro Heritage Month is about displaying our heritage through indigenous dances and art forms for everyone to see," said Santos. "Chamorro Heritage Month is also about displaying the true hospitality of Guam because we welcome all visitors as if they are family."

The community relations event fosters a growing understanding between *Emory S. Land* sailors and the community they affect with their presence.

"We want to develop ties with the community and strengthen our relationships," said Lt. Takana Jefferson, a Navy chaplain. "We want to show that we care about the community, and that we are one team. Chamorro Heritage Month is for them, but it is also for us because we learn about their culture and heritage, bringing us closer together."

Guam is home to the U.S. Navy's only two submarine tenders, USS *Emory S. Land* and USS *Frank Cable*, as well as four Los Angeles-class attack submarines. Being stationed in Guam provides sailors unique opportunities to demonstrate the U.S. Navy's commitment to the local communities while also learning about their culture.

USS *Emory S. Land* is moored in Apra Harbor at Polaris Point, Naval Base Guam, and is one of two submarine tenders remaining in the U.S. Navy. The submarine tenders provide maintenance, hotel services and logistical support to submarines and surface ships in the U.S. 5th and 7th Fleet areas of operation. The submarines and tenders are maintained as part of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed submarine force and are readily capable of meeting global operational requirements.

For more information about USS *Emory S. Land*, visit www.csp.navy.mil/emorysland/ or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EmorySLand, or on Twitter @EmorySLand.

FROM THE MOUNTAIN TO THE Sea ECO FRIENDLY

Know your Tides

A CITIZEN SCIENCE PHOTO CONTEST

Environmental Awareness Month: BECQ/DCRM

"Eco-friendly from the mountain to the sea"

Climate Change and Tides:

Climate change will cause sea levels to rise. Most of this water will be stored in the Pacific Ocean, and islands like Saipan will feel the effects. In the future high tides will come more landward than they currently do. Future low tides might start where today's high tides stop.

We can document this long term change through photographs and tide charts. Each of these serves as a record of tidal change. Documenting high tides now can help us know how future sea level rise might affect us.

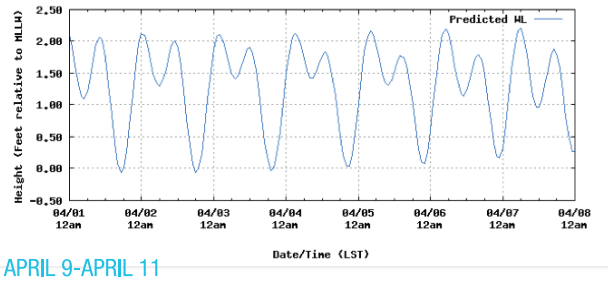
Photographs

Please upload your photo of high tide or low tide from April 1—April 9 for Environmental Awareness Month.
Photographing tides is one way to help planners and natural resource managers prepare for the impacts of climate change. Ideally, you'll want your image to capture the highest water line or the lowest water line. However, all images and associated data are helpful for the objectives of the Citizen Science project.

Take your photo facing parallel to the shoreline. If available, include some sort of feature in your picture – wall, bunkers, docks, or rocks make good markers.

How these photos are used:
1. Document current tidal change in coastal areas
2. Visualize the impacts of future sea level rise in the community
3. Ground-truth and validate models by comparing predictions with reality.
4. Serve as a living record of change for future generations

APRIL 1-APRIL 8



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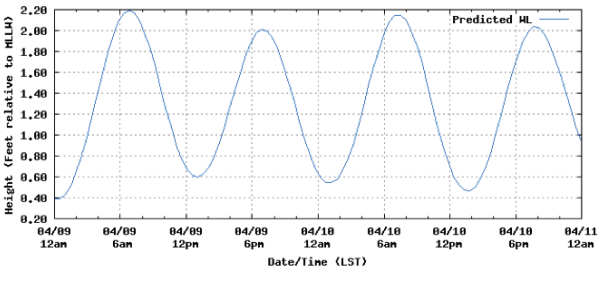


NOAA Tide Charts: Tanapag Harbor, Saipan Island, Station ID 163327

Rules

Open contest dates are: April 1 – April 9, 2017

Submit:
All photos must be uploaded by 12:00 am April 10, 2017.
Facebook, Instagram, twitter.
Label: #KnowYourTides#DCRM#EAM
Facebook, Instagram, twitter

Caption: Date, Time, Location, Your Name, HighTide/Lowtide
** All tides must be accurately marked to win.

Categories:
General Public, 9-12 grade, 6-8th grade.
General Public –1st, 2nd, 3rd, Most likes
9-12 grade: 1st, Most Likes
6-8 grade: 1st, Most likes

Judges: Chelu Photography, BECQ

Prizes: A take home 12x18 canvas print of your photo
Your photo displayed at BECQ/DCRM events
on a 3" x 4" canvas

Flame Tree arts fest to move to Fishing Base

This year's Flame Tree Arts Festival will be moved to Garapan Fishing Base.

This is intended to bring indigenous artists, entertainers and vendors closer to a major tourism site and to share with visitors the island's brand of art, entertainment and food offering, according to the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, in conjunction with KKMP Radio and the KKMP Foundation.

"Tourism is everyone's business and our participants agree that we should share this longest running festival with our vacationers," organizers said.

The Flame Tree Arts Festival, usually held at the Civic Center in Susupe, celebrates the rich art and cultural heritage of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and will take place on April 20-23, 2017.

The flame tree is the CNMI's official tree and the festival will be held during the typical blossoming season of the flame tree flowers.

"Many flame trees were damaged by Typhoon Soudeler and did not make an appearance last year but we are hopeful this year will bring an abundance of flowers" organizers added.

Confirmed for this year's festival will be three groups from Guam, one from the Republic of Palau and three groups from Rota.

The vendor and artists stalls are selling out fast. There are eight food stalls, two indigenous food stands, 22 artists' kiosks, and three school booths left Registration will end on March 31, 2017. Space will be on a first come first served basis.

Only art pieces and goods created in the CNMI and Micronesia will be allowed on the festival grounds. There will be no exemptions

This year's platinum sponsors are Bridge Capital LLC and IT&E. Gold sponsors are DCCA-Youth Services, Bank of Guam, and the bronze sponsors are Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and Pacifica Insurance.

For more information visit www.flametreefestival.com, stop by KKMP Radio located at the Marianas Business Plaza (Nauru Building) Suite 203 or call 287-5567 for registration information. ***(PR)***

Salut is now open for business

A new restaurant that specializes in Filipino cuisine has opened up shop in the Susupe area across Kanoa Resort.

Called Salut (Cozina Saudavel), the restaurant held a ribbon cutting on March 15 with a buffet to showcase some of the many dishes the restaurant will be serving.

"All the dishes will feature very special Filipino food," said Leo Legaspe, a co-owner of the establishment

The restaurant will serve their dishes a la carte for the time being. Their buffet will start once the restaurant is in full operation. For now the restaurant has set their prices at $3.50 for a one-choice meal and $4.75 for a two-choice meal.

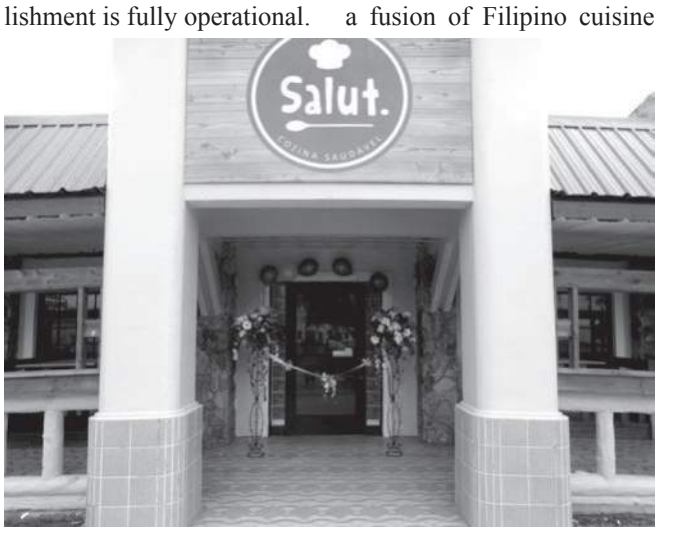
The restaurant also accepts reservations for parties, delivery, packed bento, and many more once the establishment is fully operational.

The restaurant will also be a fusion of Filipino cuisine and Japanese teppanyaki style of cooking. For now, the restaurant only serves Filipino dishes until all the equipment needed arrives.

What makes this restaurant different, according to Legaspe, is their plan to offer fusion cuisine.

Legaspe said they chose to set up their restaurant in Susupe because he could not find an authentic Filipino restaurant in the area that would appeal not just to Filipinos but to different ethnicities as well.

Salut will be open everyday from 5am to 10pm. Legaspe also urges the public to check out the restaurant's Facebook page, Salut, for updates and information. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***



KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

It is the policy of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to limit hiring to qualified US workers, as restricted by CNMI law, and that equal opportunity be given to all qualified US worker applicants regardless of age, sex or sexual orientation, religion, marital status, political status, veterans status, disability or place of origin.

Opening Date: 03/20/17
Closing Date: 04/03/17*

JVA#17-003: Community Projects Coordinator II
Annual Salary: $25,791.92 - $27,081.51**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#17-004: Marketing Specialist I
Annual Salary: $23,394.02 - $24,563.73**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#17-007: Administrative Assistant
Annual Salary: $18,329.83 - $25,791.92**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

*If not filled, the vacancy announcement will be continued and applications will be reviewed every two weeks thereafter until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day.

** The salary given will be determined by the qualifications of the appointee.

Interested persons may contact the Marianas Visitors Authority Office at (670) 664-3200/01 for more detailed information on position description. A completed application must be submitted together with the required documents for consideration until search is closed. A resume may be attached, but the application form must be filled out in full. MVA is an equal opportunity employer.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Commonwealth Judiciary Administrative Office
Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice
P.O. Box 502165, Saipan MP 96950
Telephone (670) 236-9715 Facsimile (670)236-9702

Request for Proposals
17-JUDICIARY-02
Mold Assessment and Eradication Services for the Guma Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice
Submission Date: March 31, 2017, 3:00 P.M.

The Commonwealth Judicial Branch is soliciting sealed proposals for janitorial services for the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewee/House of Justice, Saipan, for a period of one (1) year.

Firms or individuals submitting proposals must have a valid CNMI business license and be in compliance with applicable local and federal laws and regulations, including minimum wage requirements.

Proposal procedures shall comply with CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Title 70, Subchapter 30.3).

The proposal package will be available on **March 17, 2017** at the Cashier's Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan, or by request faxed to (670) 236-9797 or emailed to John.Villagomez@justice.gov.mp.

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held on **March 27, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., local time** at the Guma Hustisia Law Revision Commission–Law Library. Any questions or inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Gerald Weaver, Building Superintendent, at the pre-proposal meeting and all questions will be answered at the mandatory pre-proposal meeting. Any questions or inquiries not raised at the mandatory pre-proposal meeting shall not be answered and shall be disregarded.

Sealed proposals must be marked **RFP17-JUDICIARY-02** and submitted in one (1) original and three (3) copies at the Cashier's Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan no later than **March 31, 2017, 3:00 p.m., local time**. Firms or individuals submitting proposals from outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose to the Budget and Finance Director no later than March 30, 2017, 3:00 p.m., local time. Notices of Intent may be faxed to (670) 236-9797 or emailed to John.Villagomez@justice.gov.mp. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one (1) original and three (3) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **March 31, 2017**, AND the proposal must be received at the Office of the Budget and Finance Director no later than **April 7, 2017**, **close of business**.

The CNMI Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or portions thereof, and waive immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI Government. All proposals received shall become the property of the CNMI Government and will not be returned to the proposer.

/s/ Alexandro C. Castro
Chief Justice

/s/ John T. Villagomez
Budget and Finance Director

MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Micronesian Legal Services is looking for a self-motivated individual to fill the following position:

Computer Support Specialist

Qualifications: Preferably a four-year STEM degree. A minimum of two to four years relevant experience.

Installation, trouble shooting, repair, testing, configuration, and maintenance of servers, desktop, and laptop computers, printers, and network equipment. Applicant must be familiar with and able to install, configure, and administer SQL server 2008 R2 or later; proficient with Microsoft Access 2007 or later. Microsoft certified a plus.

Salary depending on experience.

Please email your resume and current Police Clearance to william.fife@mlscnet.org; or mail to P.O. Box 5551 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950.

Applications are being accepted until April 20, 2017.

MLSC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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ATTORNEY FOR Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- JOAQUIN B. CAMACHO AND RAMONA S. CAMACHO Defendants.) CIVIL ACTION NO.: 17-0016

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED, this 7th day of March, 2017 by order of the Court.

/s/ Clerk of Court

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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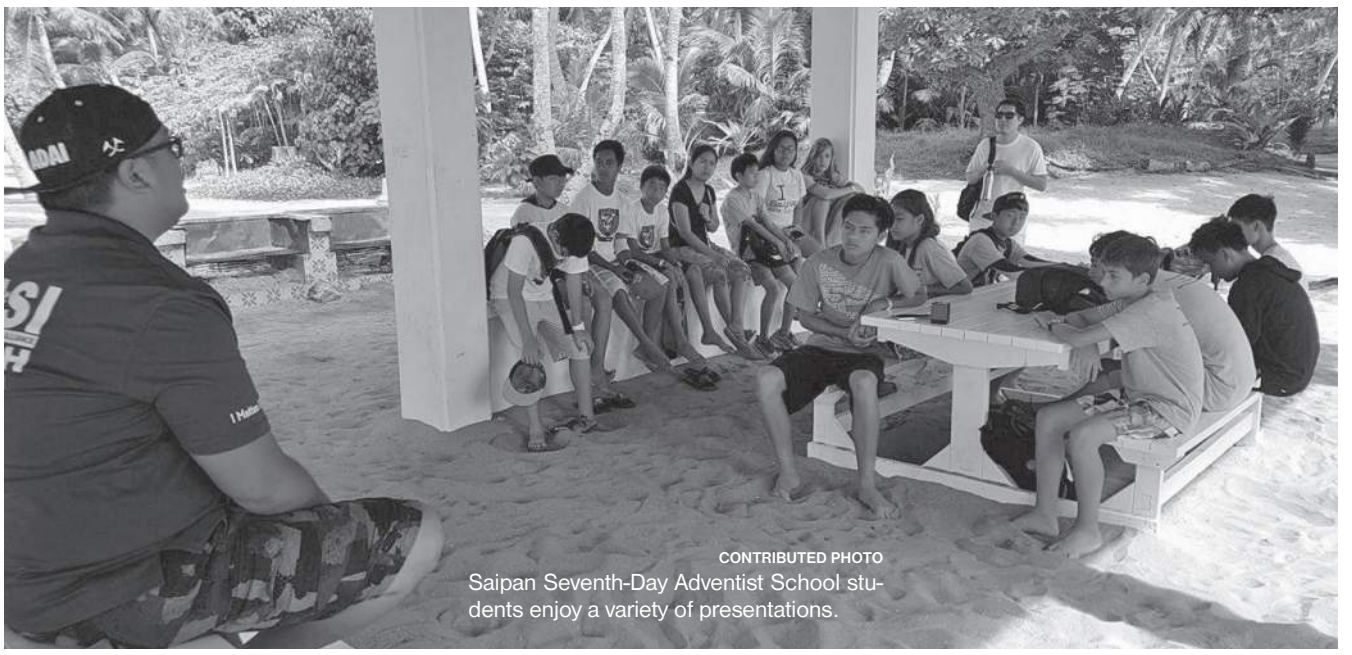

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Saipan Seventh-Day Adventist School students enjoy a variety of presentations.

SDA school brings learning to Mañagaha

On March 17, around 200 individuals from the Saipan Seventh-Day Adventist School ventured to Managaha Island for a day of outdoor school.

Parents, teachers, and students alike enjoyed a variety of presentations about marine debris and from the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, the Sea Turtle Program of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Conservation Enforcement of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the National Parks Service.

The presenters shared information about conservation and gave students insight into the history of Saipan and the responsibility that residents and visitors share to maintain the history and preserve the wildlife found on Saipan.

After a morning full of learning the students enjoyed a picnic lunch and headed out to play in the water before catching the boat back to Saipan. ***(PR)***

Legislative Bureau
NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
P.O. BOX 500586, SAIPAN, MP 96950

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Article III, Section 9 (b) of the CNMI Constitution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature jointly announce that the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting to receive the **State of the Commonwealth Address:**

Meeting: Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature First Joint Session
Date and Time: Friday, March 31, 2017, at 10:00 AM
Location: The Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe, Saipan

AGENDA
Call To Order
Roll Call:
House & Senate
Adoption of Joint Session Rules
State of the Commonwealth Address
Adjournment

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NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
P.O. BOX 500586, SAIPAN, MP 96950

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Examination Announcement No.: LB-JVA-17-005
Opening Date: March 13, 2017
Closing Date: March 28, 2017

This examination is for the purpose of developing an Open Competitive and Promotional Eligible list. It is the policy of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that the personnel system shall be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

POSITION AND SALARY: **PL-UNGRADED**
Administrative Officer (1 Position) **$29,857.37 - $53,619.54 PER ANNUM**

The salary will be determined by the qualifications of the applicant and limited to the amount currently appropriated for the position.

LOCATION:
Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building (CNMI Legislature), Capitol Hill, Saipan

JOB DESCRIPTIONS:
This position reports to the Legislative Bureau Director.
Oversees and administers the day-to-day activities of the office; develops policies, procedures, and systems which ensure productive and efficient office operation; Provides assistance and support to the Director in problem solving, project planning and management, and development and execution of stated goals and objectives; Supervises the work of employees in supporting roles, including assigning workload and monitoring employee performance; Oversees and facilitates resources management and administration procedures and documentation for the Director; Performs research and analysis on specific issues, as required, and independently prepares non-routine letters and/or reports, which may be highly sensitive and confidential in nature; Serves as the primary point of administrative contact and liaison with other offices, individuals, and institutions on operational and programmatic matters concerning the office; Oversees the operation of office accounts, and plans and monitors expenditures; as appropriate, develops and/or coordinates budgets for the office accounts; Provides and/or oversees provision of staff support to the office, to include handling walk-up and phone interactions, maintaining calendars and travel arrangements, screening, analyzing, and responding to incoming correspondence, handling day-to-day problems and situations, and provision of secretarial support; Assists in the coordination, supervision, and completion of special projects, as appropriate; and performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:
• Completed degree(s) from an accredited institution that are above the minimum education requirement may be substituted for experience on a year for year basis. High school diploma or GED; 2 years of directly related experience managing at least one of the following functional areas: fiscal services, administration and/or human resources AND 5 years of additional work experience directly related to the duties and responsibilities specified.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required

Strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively with a wide range of constituencies in a diverse community; Ability to gather data, compile information, and prepare reports; Records maintenance skills ;Skill in budget preparation and fiscal management; Ability to use independent judgment and to manage and impart confidential information; Ability to analyze and solve problems; Ability to plan, develop, and coordinate multiple projects; Skill in examining and re-engineering operations and procedures, formulating policy, and developing and implementing new strategies and procedures; Skill in organizing resources and establishing priorities; Ability to lead and train staff and/or students; Conflict resolution and/or mediation skills; Demonstrated ability to maintain confidentiality; Word processing and/or data entry skills; Knowledge of office management principles and procedures; Ability to make administrative and procedural decisions and judgments on sensitive, confidential issues; Skills in the use of database management, word processing, spreadsheet, and/or presentation software; Organizing and coordinating skills; Ability to foster a cooperative work environment; Knowledge of general accounting principles; Knowledge of human resources administration principles and practices; Effective verbal and written communication skills; And knowledge of administrative policies and procedures.

Employment application may be accessed at www.cnmileg.gov.mp or may be picked up at the Office of the Director of the Legislative Bureau located at the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building (CNMI Legislature), Capitol Hill, Saipan. Completed application and police clearance may be submitted to the Office of the Director or may be mailed to the Office of the Director; Legislative Bureau; P.O. Box 500586; Saipan, MP 96950. No telephone inquiries.

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Looking for U.S. Workers, please email your resume to:
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- **JOB TITLE: BRICK LAYER**
- **NUMBER OF OPENINGS: 200**
- **SALARY RANGE: $7.05 to $10 /Hourly**
- **JOB DUTIES:** Independently lay ceramic tiles and stone materials, obey construction arrangement and consciously complete allocated construction tasks, construct building according to work order without arbitrarily changing construction items and requirements, rapidly construct building with good quality and enough quantity during working time, get raw materials according to list of construction items, economize raw materials and eradicate waste, ensure that residual raw materials are recycled properly and stored into warehouse, ensure that raw materials are cleared after completion for customer satisfaction, pay attention to the safety of construction so as to prevent theft, fire disaster and personal injury, ensure that work order and materials order be timely checked and signed.
- **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Familiar with dry hanging technology of stone materials; skillfully operate cutting machine, angle grinder and other special machinery for brick laying. Must have at least a few months to 1 year experience.

- **JOB TITLE: PAINTER**
- **NUMBER OF OPENINGS: 200**
- **SALARY RANGE: $7.05 to $10 /Hourly**
- **JOB DUTIES:** Conscientiously and completely finish assigned tasks with good quality, and full rate if progress, correctly use and protect paint, alcohol, banana oil, and other volatile, inflammable and explosive chemicals; safely operate equipment according to technological operation specification; eradicate fire disaster, poisoning, electrical shock, etc., abide by rules and regulation of the company without violating laws and discipline; lend paint according to requirement of technology ; master the method of roughly estimating the precision of paint, operate air compression pump, exhaust fan, etc.; correctly use and read meters(i.e., barometer, thermometer, etc.)
- **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Familiar with the operating skill of spraying paint, must have the ability to read construction drawings, have a good command of kinds of special tools, independently paint putty and complete polish work, do surface latex decoration work, expertly pave and paste wall paper, spray paint wooden surfaces. At least a few months to 1 year of related experience and/or training, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Must have at least a few months to 1 year of experience.

- **JOB TITLE: WOODWORKER**
- **NUMBER OF OPENINGS: 300**
- **SALARY RANGE: $7.05 to $10 /Hourly**
- **JOB DUTIES:** Responsible for all work about civil engineering in construction site, arrange and elaborately construct the project according to the overall construction planning, follow the command of leader of construction team and timely complete each task assigned solve existing technique problems and quality in construction, arrange working procedures to create safe working conditions, provide written safety technique disclosure to guarantee geometric dimensioning meets drawing requirements, axes shifting must be controlled in permitted scope; deviation of standard height must not exceed norm, cooperate with other workers to well hand over working procedure, consciously abide be rules and regulations of the company, obey the arrangement of superior leaders.
- **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Able to read construction drawings, able to skillfully operate kinds of special tools, able to install made-up wood surface, able to independently make light-steel suspension system, wall partition system, soft wall surface, and hard wall surface; comprehensively familiar with design blueprint, master design alteration, and technical disclosure of proprietors. Must have at least a few months to 1 year of experience.

- **JOB TITLE: ELECTRICIAN**
- **NUMBER OF OPENINGS: 100**
- **SALARY RANGE: $7.05 to $10 /Hourly**
- **JOB DUTIES:** Diagnose and repair electrical problems in commercial and domestic electrical systems, including fault-finding, rewiring, and monitoring Assess the parts needed for a job and place orders for those parts Conduct routine maintenance and testing on commercial and domestic electrical systems, and ensure installations are to manufacturer standards, including in fire alarms and security systems Rewire faulty electrical systems, such as lighting, heating systems, and alarms Ensure good quality workmanship which upholds company standards, complies with building codes, and follows safety requirements Work alone to find and present faults and concerns in electrical systems without receiving explicit direction
- **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Previous Electrical Experience, Lighting, Wiring, Alarm Systems, Fire Prevention Systems, Strong Written and Verbal Communication, Electrical Maintenance

- **JOB TITLE: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**
- **NUMBER OF OPENING: 3**
- **SALARY RANGE: $7.05 to $18 /hourly**
- **JOB DUTIES:**
  - Manages and executes administrative, project, and executive support activities associated with the office of a core division or equivalent component of the company. Reporting directly to the principal executive officer of the entity, serves as principle point of administrative contact and liaison with internal and external constituencies.
  - Provides and/or oversees the provision of direct staff support to the office manager. Provides specialist administrative services as appropriate in such areas as public/community relations, faculty, staff, general business administration; and/or development and relations, depending upon the functional area supported.
  - Oversees and administers the day-to-day activities of the office; develops policies, procedures, and systems which ensure productive and efficient office operation.
  - Provides assistance and support in problem solving, project planning and management, and development and execution of stated goals and objectives.
  - Provides and/or oversees provision of staff support to the office, to include handling walk-up and phone interactions, maintaining calendars and travel arrangements, screening, analyzing, and responding to incoming correspondence, handling day-to-day problems and situations, and provision of secretarial support.
  - Provides assistance in the understanding and interpretation of company policies and procedures, as appropriate, and ensures that office operations are in compliance with policy provisions and standards.
  - Assists in the coordination, supervision, and completion of special projects, as appropriate.
- **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**
  - Completed degree(s) from an accredited institution that are above the minimum education requirement may be substituted for experience on a year for year basis
  - Bachelor's degree; 2 years of directly related experience managing at least one of the following functional areas: fiscal services, administration and/or human resources
  - Must be able to speak, read, and write in Mandarin
- **EXPERIENCE**
  - Five years of additional work experience directly related to the duties and responsibilities specified.

- **JOB TITLE: ACCOUNTANT**
- **NUMBER OF OPENING: 3**
- **SALARY RANGE: $7.05 to $18 /hourly**
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Business

Number of poker tables keep decreasing in Nevada casinos

LAS VEGAS (AP)—When the Monte Carlo casino closes its eight-table poker room in about a month as part of a $450 million overhaul, the Las Vegas Strip will be down nearly a quarter of the tables it had a decade ago.

Casinos constantly adjust their floors to meet customer demand. And unlike the boom years when they competed for card fans after everyman Chris Moneymaker won the World Series of Poker's main event in 2003, poker's appeal in Sin City has been weakening this decade.

Some casinos have made their poker rooms smaller. Others have eliminated them entirely.

"Casinos added more tables in response to popularity, and once it became less popular, they took away the tables," said David Schwartz, director of the Center for Gaming Research at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The peak of the poker room was 2007.

In 2002, before fans of Texas Hold 'Em began to rush to the Strip, casinos had 144 tables and made $30 million from the game. Five years later, casinos had more than tripled their poker revenue to $97 million with 405 tables. Last year, the game netted them only $78 million after the number of tables decreased to 320.

The situation is similar across the state. Casinos had 907 tables and made $168 million in 2007. Last year, they took in $118 million from 661 tables.

Even the game's proponents understand poker has never been a big moneymaker for casinos. That's because instead of gambling against the stacked odds of the house as they do in blackjack or slots, players wager against one another and the casinos take a portion as a fee for hosting the games.

Casinos were willing to do that to keep players in their establishments while the game's popularity soared. The boost was fueled by the rise of internet gambling and a watershed moment in 2003 when Moneymaker, as an amateur, won $2.5 million as people watched on TV.

The landscape drastically changed in 2011, when the federal government cracked down on internet poker and blacked out major sites—a moment poker enthusiasts refer to as "Black Friday."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tens of thousands in London protest Britain's EU departure

LONDON (AP)—Tens of thousands protested Saturday under sunny skies in London against plans for Britain to withdraw from the European Union. The Unite for Europe march, which saw many people carrying bright blue EU flags, came just days before Britain is expected to begin its formal separation from the other 27 nations in the EU. The crowds observed a minute of silence at Parliament Square as a tribute to the four victims killed and dozens wounded in an attack Wednesday on Parliament. Many bowed their heads as Big Ben chimed and placed flowers at Parliament's gate to honor the victims. Police did not provide a crowd estimate. Organizers said more than 25,000 people were present. There was also a smaller anti-Brexit protest march in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Armed heist at Cartier shop in Monaco, 1 suspect captured

PARIS (AP)—Police in Monaco say robbers have carried out an armed heist at a luxurious Cartier jewelry shop in Monte Carlo and one of the suspects has been captured. The Monegasque police authority said three individuals carrying at least one firearm targeted the shop Saturday afternoon near the famed casino square in the French principality. Police say the robbers fled and set fire to their getaway car. One of the armed men was caught by police who closed the principality's borders but the two others managed to escape. Police were unable to specify what the robbers had stolen or how valuable it was. Police say no shots were fired, no injuries reported and no hostages were taken in the robbery but some Cartier shop assistants have been given psychological counseling.

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Nation

Many governors welcome demise of GOP health care bill

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP)—Governors of both parties had warned Congress for weeks that the Republican health care bill threatened to saddle their states with big costs and potentially leave millions of people without coverage, especially because of the cutbacks planned to Medicaid.

The bill's withdrawal on Friday left in place the status quo under the Affordable Care Act. That was welcomed by several governors in the states that opted to expand Medicaid under former President Barack Obama's law.

The Medicaid expansion has provided coverage for 11 million people in the 31 states that accepted it.

"I am pleased today's vote has been held as this bill would drastically affect the Commonwealth's ability to ensure essential care for thousands of people," Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker, a Republican in a Democratic-leaning state, said in a statement after the bill was pulled from consideration. "This version does not reflect the needs of states and does not contain many critical aspects of health care reform that our administration has communicated to the federal government."

Jerry Brown, California's Democratic governor, was fiery when he spoke in Washington, D.C., earlier in the week, calling the Republican measure "a dangerous bill." His state estimated annual costs of $6 billion starting in 2020, when the Medicaid changes would have hit.

In a Twitter message Friday, Brown said he was relieved the bill was withdrawn, adding: "The #ACA endures. But for tomorrow, we must gird ourselves for the battles yet to come."

Reducing the amount of federal money for Medicaid was the chief concern among governors because the state-federal program accounts for such a large share of most state budgets. People who lose their health coverage tend to show up in emergency rooms, where the cost for their care is expensive and often falls back on the state.

AP

A suspect surrenders to SWAT officers after being barricaded for many hours on a bus after a fatal shooting in the vehicle earlier today which down the busy tourism corridor near the Cosmopolitan hotel-casino in Las Vegas, Saturday, March 25, 2017.

Vegas Strip reopens after gunman surrender, fatal shooting

LAS VEGAS (AP)—A man riding on a double decker bus on the Las Vegas Strip pulled a gun and started shooting, killing one person and wounding another before barricading himself inside in a standoff that lasted hours before he finally surrendered.

The standoff began about 11 a.m. PDT Saturday on the bus when it was stopped on Las Vegas Boulevard near the Cosmopolitan hotel-casino.

"He was on the bus. He was shooting people on the bus. He was just contained to that location. He never exited the bus," Clark County Assistant Sheriff Tom Roberts said.

Two people were taken to the hospital after the shooting, University Medical Center spokeswoman Danita Cohen said. One died, and the other was in fair condition.

For hours, crisis negotiators, robots and armored vehicles surrounded the bus with authorities uncertain if there were any more victims inside. Meanwhile, officers swept into the casinos to warn tourists to bunker down until further notice, leaving these normally bustling pedestrian areas and a road notorious for taxi-to-taxi traffic completely empty. The Strip was shut down for blocks in both directions.

Some in the Cosmopolitan—hotel guests out over their balconies, party people on the pool deck—saw the tense situation unfold below.

Former NBA player Scot Pollard, who is staying at the Cosmopolitan, told The Associated Press by phone that he was at a bar at the hotel-casino around 11 a.m. when he saw several people, including staff, running through the area toward the casino and repeatedly screaming "get out of the way." After he was told that the area would be closed, he went back to his room, which oversees the Strip.

"We can hear them negotiating. We can hear them saying things like 'No one else needs to get hurt,' 'Come out with your hands up. We are not going anywhere. We are not leaving,' " he said.

Visitors were also hiding out inside some of the other prominent casino properties affected, including the Bellagio, Paris, Planet Hollywood and Bally, which in addition to hotels and casinos also hold restaurants, shops and attractions.

Las Vegas Police officer Larry Hadfield said just before 3:30 p.m. that the man, who had a handgun, surrendered without incident. Police did not open fire and said they believe the man is the only suspect. Terrorism or any connection to an earlier robbery nearby that shut down a part of the Bellagio has been ruled out. No other information about the man has been released.

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The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is announcing the availability of an estimated $1,247,600.00 in Community Planning and Development (CPD) funds available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. NMHC anticipates receiving an estimated amount of $886,361.00 in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); $293,829.00 in Home Investment Partnerships (HOME); and, $67,410.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for Program Year (PY) 2017.

The CDBG funds, authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, may be used for a wide range of community development activities to revitalize neighborhoods, provide affordable housing, expand economic opportunities, and improve community facilities and services. However, use of these funds must meet at least one of the national objectives which include: 1) to benefit low and moderate-income families; 2) to eliminate slum or blight conditions; or 3) to meet other urgent community development needs.

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HOME funds may be used to create affordable housing through financing assistance, site acquisition or improvement, and rehabilitating existing residential dwellings as well as providing funds for new construction or purchase of a single family residential dwelling. Use of HOME funds must benefit low-income families.

ESG funds may be used to rehabilitate or convert to buildings into homeless shelters and for shelter operating expenses, supportive services and homeless prevention and **rapid re-housing** activities. Use of ESG funds must benefit the homeless.

Applications for the use of CPD funds are available for pick up at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) located in Garapan, Saipan; San Jose Village, Tinian; and, Songsong Village, Rota, beginning December 29, 2016. You may also obtain the application online at www.nmhcgov.net in the section titled "Public Notice/Announcement" subsection "Community Planning Development"

Applications must be submitted to the NMHC Offices in Garapan, Saipan (Saipan Residents); San Jose, Tinian (Tinian Residents); and, Songsong Village, Rota (Rota Residents) by ***March 31, 2017, no later than 4:30 p.m. Applications submitted after March 31, 2017, will not be accepted.***

We are encouraging all non-profit, for profit, and government service providers who are providing services to people with disabilities, homeless individuals, and emergency shelter administrators and operators to attend this briefing.

Additional inquiries, concerning the CPD program, may be directed to Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, Deputy Corporate Director or Mr. Jacob Muna, Planning Assistant at 234-6866 or 234-7689.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

World

WORLD BRIEFS

Airstrikes across rebel-held Syria kill and wound scores

BEIRUT (AP)—Airstrikes hit a women's prison and a clinic in rebel-held parts of Syria on Saturday, killing and wounding scores of people amid clashes on multiple fronts between government forces and insurgent groups in some of the country's worst violence in weeks, opposition activists said. The airstrikes, of which some activists said included Russian air raids, concentrated on the rebel-held northwestern province of Idlib, the central province of Hama and suburbs of the capital Damascus that have come under attack by insurgent groups over the past week. One of the airstrikes hit a main street in the Damascus suburb of Hamouriyeh killing at least 16 people and wounded more than 50, activists said. The airstrikes caused wide destruction in the area.

11 endangered wild elephants rescued from mud in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Eleven endangered wild elephants were rescued in Cambodia on Saturday, four days after getting stuck in a 3-meter-deep mud hole, officials said. The animals were rescued in northeastern Mondulkiri province, home to about 250 wild elephants, said Wildlife Alliance official Botumroat Lebun. The chief of Mondulkiri's environment department, Keo Sopheak, who headed the rescue team, said the elephants apparently got stuck in the mud when they went to drink water at a 3-meter-deep (10-foot-deep) hole that was left over from U.S. bombing during the Vietnam War. After being rescued, the elephants were sent back to the jungle where they normally live, Keo Sopheak said.

3 dead as government troops raid militants in Bangladesh

NEW DELHI (AP)—Police in Bangladesh say two civilians and a policeman have been killed in explosions as troops raided a suspected military hideout in the country's east. Golam Kibria, a senior police official in Sylhet city, said that 25 people were also wounded in the explosions that took place Saturday evening on a road near an Islamic religious school. Paramilitary troops have since Friday been engaged in an operation to flush out a group of Islamist radicals holed up in a nearby building with a large cache of ammunition.

Belarus police arrest over 400 protesters; many are beaten

MINSK, Belarus (AP)—Police in Belarus cracked down hard Saturday on opposition protesters who tried to hold a forbidden demonstration in the capital—a human rights group said more than 400 people were arrested and many were beaten. The demonstrators had hoped to build on a rising wave of defiance of the former Soviet republic's authoritarian government, led by President Alexander Lukashenko, who has ruled since 1994. About 700 people had tried to march Saturday along Minsk's main avenue, but were blocked by a cordon of riot police wielding clubs and holding shields. After a standoff, the arrests began. "They're beating the participants, dragging women by the hair to buses. I was able to run to a nearby courtyard," demonstrator Alexander Ponomarev said.

London attacker had worked in Saudi Arabia teaching English

LONDON (AP)—The British man who killed four people during a London rampage had made three trips to Saudi Arabia: He taught English there twice on a work visa and returned on a visa usually granted to those going on a religious pilgrimage. More details about attacker Khalid Masood's travels, confirmed by the Saudi Arabian embassy in Britain, emerged Saturday amid a massive British police effort to discover how a homegrown ex-con with a violent streak became radicalized and why he launched a deadly attack Wednesday on Westminster Bridge. The embassy said he taught English in Saudi Arabia from November 2005 to November 2006 and again from April 2008 to April 2009, with legitimate work visas both times. He then returned to Saudi Arabia for six days in March 2015 on a trip booked through an approved travel agent and made on an "Umra" visa, usually granted to those on a religious pilgrimage to the country's Islamic holy sites.

Rape reaches 'epic proportions' in South Sudan's civil war

MUNDRI, South Sudan (AP)—After months of being raped by her rebel captors in the middle of South Sudan's civil war, the young woman became pregnant. Held in a muddy pit, sometimes chained to other prisoners, she later watched her hair fall out and her weight plummet. But the child was a spark of life. And so she named him Barack Obama, she explains, now free. "I still have hope," she says, caressing the baby's cheek with a finger. "I just don't even know where to start." The slender 23-year-old is one of thousands of rape victims in South Sudan's three-year-old conflict, which has created one of the world's largest humanitarian crises. Sexual violence has reached "epic proportions," says the U.N. Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan. Reported incidents of sexual or gender-based violence rose 60 percent last year.

Mudslide buries Peruvian village, leaving little to claim

BARBABLANCA, Peru (AP)—The rains pummeling Peru, brought about by a warming of Pacific Ocean waters that climatologists are calling a "coastal El Nino," have left 85 dead, crippled the nation's infrastructure, ruined thousands of fields of crops and destroyed 800 villages, most much like Barbablanca. Mudslides have struck throughout Peru in March as the rains have continued. On cellphone cameras, Peruvians have captured video of sudden gushes of water, mud and debris that swept up trucks, buses, people and cows. One woman, Evangelina Chamorro, survived after being swept nearly 2 miles (3 kilometers) from her home and emerging near a bridge covered in muck.

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†George Cruz Duenas

Born to Life: March 27, 1947 • Called to Eternal life: March 22, 2017

In his new life, he now joins his:

Wife:	**†Margarita Attao Duenas**
Father:	†Dionisio Duenas
Mother:	†Maria Tenorio Dela Cruz
Children:	†Shelma Lynn Attao Duenas
	†Precillia Attao
Father In law:	†Vicente Magofna Attao
Mother In law:	†Natividad Cabrera San Nicolas
Sisters:	†Magdalena Cruz
	†Agusta Cruz
	†Bernadita Cruz Taitano
Brothers In law:	†Urbano C. Babauta
	†Vicente M. Aldan
Grandchildren:	†Manny Angel D. Aaron
	†Manny Junior D. Aaron

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Children and their families:

- **Cynthia Attao** (Kabir)
- **Vincent Raymond** & Menchie (Julie A. Castro/Ben [Jonathan John, Keona Colette, Imani, Kekoa], Ann Maureen, Vincent Jr. [Jaeton Vincent], Naethon)
- **Ann Margaret D. Aaron** & Manny (Edward, Matthew David/Marienza [Matthew Jr., Derenz, Amai'Lyn, Aubrey, Lorenson], Malcolm Lee, Myron/Alma, Manny David)
- **John Patrick Attao** (Kimberly D./Steven [Jenniven, Jonavan, Natividad, Jeralbeth, Margarita, Jared, Justin, John Patrick, Joseph, Giovonno, Leejohn], Eva Marie D./Josh [Jacqueline, David, Josh Jr.], Eugene/Leah [Danielle, Devin Matthewl, Shunn/Karen, Zena Maria)
- **†Shelma Lynn Attao Duenas** (Leyalani Lynn Attao Duenas/Leonard, Margaret Antonette D. Celis, Jesse Jr. D. Celis

Brothers, Sisters and In law:

- Ines C. Duenas
- Dolores D. Babauta
- Alexandro & Carmen Castro
- Fernando C. Ada
- Barbara Cruz

He will also be missed by his numerous niece, nephews, relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intentions is being offered for the repose of his soul at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00 am. Holy Rosary is being prayed each evening at 7:30 at the residence of Ines Duenas in Susupe.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, April 01, 2017.
His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30 am to Mount Carmel Cathedral. Responso Service and Holy Rosary will take place upon arrival of remains.
Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am followed by Interment service at Mt. Carmel Cemetery where he will be at a peaceful rest with his wife †Margaret.

Please join us in prayers,
Thank you - Si Yu'us Ma'ase

The Children and Families of the late
†George Cruz Duenas and †Margarita Attao Duenas

Health & Fitness

HOME REMEDIES:

Tips for treating teething babies

Drooling, crankiness and tears can make teething an ordeal for parents, caregivers and babies alike. Here's help easing the pain—for all of you.

Portrait of cute baby girl biting on toy.

DREAMSTIME/TNS

WHAT'S TYPICAL?

Although timing varies widely, babies often begin teething by about age 6 months. The two bottom front teeth (lower central incisors) are usually the first to appear, followed by the two top front teeth (upper central incisors).Classic signs and symptoms of teething include:

- Drooling
- Chewing on solid objects
- Irritability or crankiness
- Sore or tender gums

Many parents suspect that teething causes fever and diarrhea, but researchers say this isn't true. Teething can cause signs and symptoms in the mouth and gums—but not elsewhere in the body.

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO SOOTHE SORE GUMS?

If your teething baby seems uncomfortable, consider these simple tips:

- Rub your baby's gums. Use a clean finger or moistened gauze pad to rub your baby's gums. The pressure can ease your baby's discomfort.
- Keep it cool. A cold washcloth, spoon or chilled teething ring can be soothing on a baby's gums. Don't give your baby a frozen teething ring, however. Contact with extreme cold can be harmful.
- Offer a teething ring. Try one made of firm rubber. The liquid filled variety may break under the pressure of your baby's chewing. If a bottle seems to work, fill it with water. Prolonged contact with sugar from formula, milk or juice may cause tooth decay.
- Try hard foods. If your baby is eating solid foods, you might offer something edible for gnawing—such as a peeled and chilled cucumber or carrot. Keep a close eye on your baby, however. Any pieces that break off might pose a choking hazard.
- Dry the drool. Excessive drooling is part of the teething process. To prevent skin irritation, keep a clean cloth handy to dry your baby's chin. Consider applying a moisturizer such as a water-based cream or lotion.
- Try an over-the-counter remedy. If your baby is especially cranky, acetaminophen (Tylenol, others) or ibuprofen (Advil, Children's Motrin, others) might help. Avoid teething medications that contain the pain reliever benzocaine. Benzocaine products have been associated with methemoglobinemia—a rare but serious condition that reduces the amount of oxygen in the blood.

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The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also has recommended that parents not use homeopathic teething gels or tablets, which might pose a health risk to babies.

Teething can usually be handled at home. Contact your doctor or healthcare provider if your baby develops a fever, seems particularly uncomfortable, or has other signs or symptoms of illness. The problem may be something other than teething. ***(Mayo Clinic News Network/TNS)***

Brace for it: When to use an ankle brace

Back in the early 1990s, ankle braces were starting to pop up more often on sports courts and playing fields. This was due to improved designs that made their use less expensive than taping an athlete's ankle.

Today, ankle braces are everywhere and available in many different designs, even sport-specific. Whatever the design, the goal of these braces is to prevent injury or offer support after an injury.

DREAMSTIME

Talk with your health care provider to decide when wearing an ankle brace is the best option for you.

"Using ankle braces to prevent ankle injuries is becoming more common, and I'm often asked by coaches, parents and athletes if wearing an ankle brace is worthwhile," says Kurt Jacobson, a Mayo Clinic Health System licensed athletic trainer. "Current research indicates ankle brace use in high school-aged athletes lowers the incidence of acute ankle injuries, but not the severity. Ankle braces are not shown to reduce the severity of ankle, knee or other lower extremity injuries."

Ankle ligaments, muscle and tendon units, and the bones of your ankle, create the internal supports to keep your ankle safe. These internal supports are important links from your foot to your hip, allowing for ideal performance. Ankle braces serve as the external supports to limit certain motions, such as plantar flexion/inversion (movement at the ankle joint that points the foot downward away from the leg and turns the foot inward), and provide awareness of where your ankle joint is in space. Jacobson says for maximum effectiveness, ankle braces should fit comfortably in the shoes you wear during an activity, which also helps with brace use compliance.

"After experiencing an ankle injury, it's important to consider rehabilitation as part of your treatment plan," adds Jacobson. "Often, when an athlete is still having ankle pain or isn't back to full function, it's because he or she hasn't allowed for enough time to properly heal."

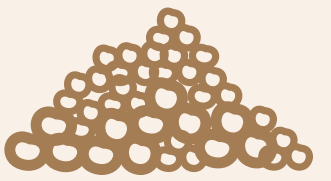
Following an ankle injury, Jacobson explains your provider may recommend rehabilitation services. He say balance, range of motion, strength and endurance are important therapy and training factors that rehabilitation providers specialize in for recovery. Performing exercises as directed helps ensure a safe return to activity and lessens the likelihood for re-injury.

"Keep in mind, wearing an ankle brace is not a cure-all or 100 percent guarantee against injuries," says Jacobson. "Making an educated decision with your health care provider will help you determine if wearing an ankle brace is right for you." ***(Mayo Clinic News Network/TNS)***

Healthy Living

Lunch boxes

Some healthy foods to use when making school lunches:



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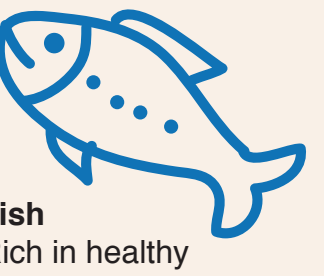

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Reynolds and Fisher honored with humor, music and dance

AP
The Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles performs at the Carrie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds Memorial Service at The Forest Lawn on Saturday, March 25, 2017, in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Laughter, music and the tapping of dancing shoes reverberated throughout a public memorial to Debbie Reynolds and Carrie Fisher, which loved ones say is just how the actresses would have wanted it.

There were few tears throughout the two-hour ceremony Saturday, which honored the mother-daughter duo's impact on film, culture and those who knew them with a mix of photos, videos, and anecdotes that kept the audience laughing and applauding.

Todd Fisher led the ceremony, which he said was intended to bring fans an intimate view of his mother and sister. He called it a show, saying his mother hated to attend memorials.

Hundreds of fans—some wearing "Star Wars" attire—attended the public ceremony that featured numerous family photos and Reynolds' final interview reflecting on her life and philanthropy, and one of Fisher's high school friends sharing some her off-color emails to him.

A troupe from Reynolds' dance studio performed an homage to "Singin' in the Rain," the film that catapulted Reynolds to stardom at age 19. After an opening film that was an ode to Fisher's "Star Wars" role, a working R2D2 unit came on stage, mournfully beeped and parked next to a director's chair with Fisher's name on it. Across the stage, near a piano, sat an empty chair with Reynolds' name on it.

Fisher, 60, an actress and writer who starred as Princess Leia in the original "Star Wars" trilogy, died Dec. 27 after suffering a medical emergency days earlier aboard a flight from London. Reynolds, an Oscar-nominated actress for her role in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," died the following day at age 84.

Todd Fisher recounted his mother's final moments and her remark that she wanted to be with her daughter.

"It was a very peaceful exit that only my mother could have orchestrated," he said to booming laughter. "She was trained in Hollywood where they teach you to make a great entrance, and exit."

Fisher and Reynolds had a complex relationship, with some years of estrangement before they reunited and became close confidantes.

Actor Dan Aykroyd described Fisher, his one-time fiancée, as a chatterbox who never let him speak. He described using the Heimlich maneuver on her once, and joked that if he had been on the plane where Fisher fell ill in December, he "might have been able to save her again."

He echoed a sentiment expressed by many early in his remarks. "We really shouldn't be here this soon," he said.

Harrison Ford says he was distracted when he flew over plane

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actor Harrison Ford said he was distracted and concerned about turbulence from another aircraft last month when he mistakenly landed on a taxiway at a Southern California airport after flying low over an airliner with 116 people aboard, according to an audio recording released Friday.

"I'm the schmuck who landed on the taxiway," Ford told an air traffic controller shortly after the near-miss on Feb. 13 at John Wayne Airport in Orange County. Recordings of Ford's conversations with air traffic controllers were released Friday by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The 74-year-old actor was told to land his single-engine plane on Runway 20L, but he instead landed on a parallel taxiway. An American Airlines flight was on the same taxiway, waiting to take off.

A video released last month showed Ford's Aviat Husky plane from behind as it descends toward the airfield where the American Airlines Boeing 737 is slowly taxiing.

"Was that airliner meant to be underneath me?" Ford asked the air traffic control tower as he landed in the wrong spot.

"Oh. I landed on Taxiway Charlie. I understand now. Sorry for that," Ford said.

Woman's free baby-sitting is her choice, not fiance's

DEAR ABBY: I am a stay-at-home mom with three children. Recently, another mom asked me to care for her 3-year-old daughter while she went to work. She offered to pay me, but I declined, given her circumstances, because I consider her a friend, even though I have known her for only a short time.

My fiance is now mad at me for not charging her. How can I make him see that it is not a problem for me since I am stuck at home anyway? It's not like I am losing money by doing her a favor.

STUCK AT HOME IN COLORADO

DEAR STUCK: That it's not a problem for you isn't the point. It's a problem for your fiance. He may not want the family's hard-earned money going toward feeding someone else's child. But ultimately, the decision about whether to do this favor for your friend should be yours, and not his.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I recently moved, taking jobs that are closer to our son and daughter-in-law. They have no children but want to start a family, and we are praying for our first grandchild.

When they take business trips (which is often), I take care of their cats and dogs. A few days ago, while I was in their bedroom (where the cats are kept), I saw an anatomically correct sex toy that had been left on the bed stand. I'm no prude, but should I say something to my son? We have an excellent relationship. I'm concerned that he may need some fatherly advice if they are having conception problems. What do you think?

CONCERNED IN WASHINGTON

DEAR CONCERNED: In the interest of family harmony, keep your advice to yourself unless you are asked. If they are having "conception problems," rest assured they will find their way to a fertility expert without your assistance.

DEAR ABBY: My 24-year-old son got married in August 2016. His wife is very nice and we get along fine. He's my youngest child and we are very close.

My issue is, she refuses to put their wedding picture in the newspaper. She said it's not necessary, and the people most important know they are already married. I want to keep it as a remembrance just like my daughter had hers in years ago. My son is agreeing with her. Please help.

NEWSPAPER WEDDING PHOTO

DEAR NEWSPAPER: It's seven months too late for your son and daughter-in-law's wedding picture to appear in the paper. At this point it's "old news." It would be better to reconcile your disappointment at not having the memento, because he and his wife are unified on this and the battle is already lost.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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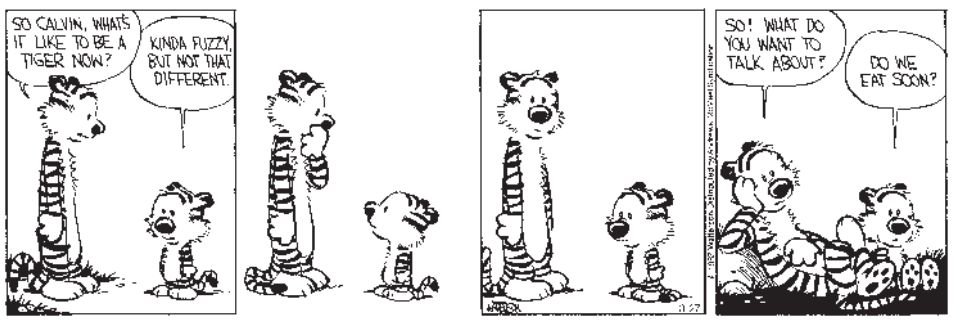
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



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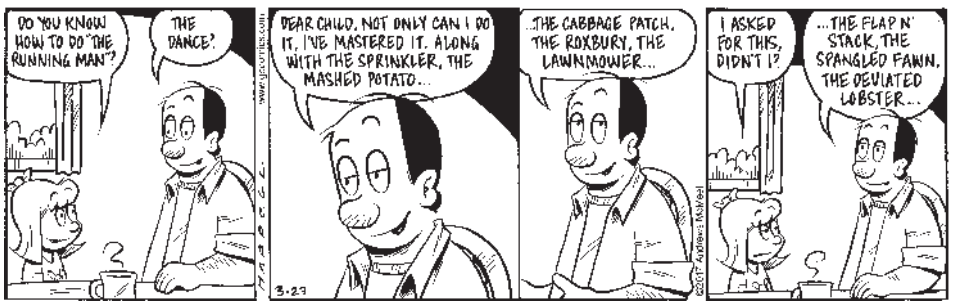
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO DO THE RUNNING MAN?
THE DANCE?
DEAR CHILD, NOT ONLY CAN I DO IT, I'VE MASTERED IT. ALONG WITH THE SPRINKLER, THE MASHED POTATO...
...THE CABBAGE PATCH, THE ROXBURY, THE LAWNMOWER...
I ASKED FOR THIS, DIDN'T I?
...THE FLAP N' STACK, THE SPANGLED FAWN, THE DEVIATED LOBSTER...

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

HERE YOU GO.
WHAT'S THIS?!
PART OF IT IS LAST NIGHT'S LEFTOVERS MIXED IN WITH A DISH I HAD PLANNED TO MAKE NEXT WEEK.
I SUPPOSE THIS IS THE CLOSEST I'LL EVER GET TO TIME TRAVEL.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Cabbie
5 Soda
8 Throat clearer
12 "Horton Hears —!"
13 Nest egg acronym
14 Antitoxins
15 Angered
16 Young geese
18 Song's words
20 Oolong brewer
21 Car
23 Chemical suffix
24 Like Elmo
28 "Lion King" villain
31 Commotion
32 Rio Grande feeder
34 Chiang — -shek
35 Stare stupidly
37 Sea of the North Atlantic
39 Crib
41 Queue after Q
42 Strands during the winter
45 Spotted
49 Movie maven
51 Museo display
52 Not busy
53 Actress Gretchen
54 One-named supermodel
55 Try out
56 Ottoman ruler
57 "Phooey!"

DOWN
1 Greet
2 Skewed
3 "Moonstruck" actress
4 Alaskan bear
5 Messy dorm rooms
6 Acapulco gold
7 Bygone days
8 Tibetans, e.g.
9 Nags persistently
10 Thus
11 Sail support
17 Muu-muu accessory
19 Robert of "I Spy"
22 Film trophy
24 Label
25 Lupino of film
26 Noisemakers for bovines
27 Biting insect
29 Small batteries
30 Carnival city
33 Boot camp VIPs
36 Fate
38 Live-in nanny
40 Pen tip
42 "— ain't broke ..."
43 Funny — (2003 Derby winner)
44 Feeling no pain
46 Cookbook author Rombauer
47 Coup d'—
48 Cozy rooms
50 Nemesis

Solution time: 26 mins.

G	A	S	■	B	A	L	L	■	P	A	S	T
I	M	A	■	E	M	M	A	■	I	M	U	S
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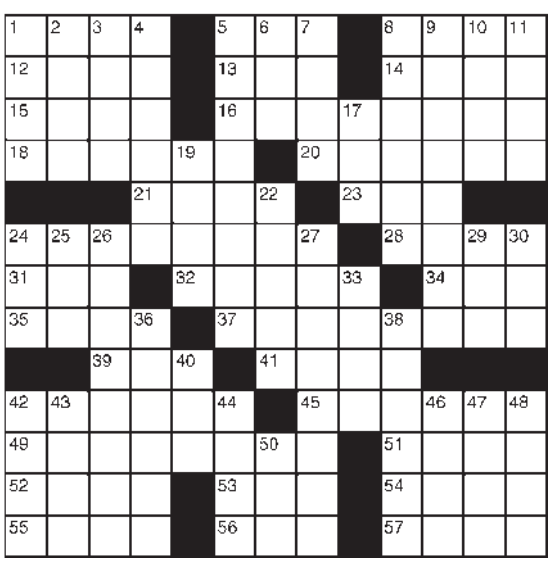
Last Friday's Answer 3-27



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Fergie, 42; Nathan Fillion, 46; Mariah Carey, 47; Pauley Perrette, 48.

Happy Birthday: Express your thoughts without revealing your emotions. Share just enough to make others feel comfortable and willing to feed you information that will help you make important decisions regarding your future and the people you are going to include in your inner circle. Focus on your creative dreams and developing the skills and talents that will lead to personal happiness. Your numbers are 3, 12, 19, 27, 33, 38, 42.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*: Emotions will be difficult to control when faced with setbacks that involve your status and reputation. Use logical thinking to ensure that you maintain the level of respect you deserve. Don't let anyone speak on your behalf. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*: Put more effort into whatever you are doing. Your courage and endurance will make a difference to the outcome of any pursuit you take on. Don't be afraid to do things differently. A change in lifestyle will do you good. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*: Question everything, but don't let your findings stop you from striving to reach your goals. Pursue your dreams regardless of the obstacles. It's important to enjoy what you do if you want to be at peace. ✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*: Be aware of what others say and do. An inappropriate response will cost you emotionally. Bide your time, be observant and offer help instead of criticism. Too much of anything is best avoided. Work on yourself, not trying to change others. 2 stars

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*: You can get ahead if you are willing to listen, adapt and use your intelligence to expand your interests. Discipline and the willingness to work hard will put you in a category that will be difficult to match. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*: Take care of personal health, wealth and settlements. Don't leave any stone unturned or let anyone speak on your behalf. Control is the name of the game if you want to get things done your own way. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*: Don't overlook new possibilities. When one door closes, another door opens. Partnerships may be dicey. You will win favors and come out a winner if you treat others with respect. Romance is on the rise. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*: Unusual alterations at home or within the dynamics of important relationships can be expected. Face each crossroad with a passionate and progressive tone and you will find a way to prosper and forge ahead. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*: Be careful how you handle personal matters and family dynamics. Not everyone will see things your way or want to participate in your plans. Go about your business and you will enjoy the people you meet along the way. ✪✪

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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*: Keep busy, finish what you start and avoid anyone who offers negative remarks or tries to distract you. Getting things done in a reasonable amount of time should be your goal. Maintain simplicity and live within your means. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*: Sign up for anything that will help you build a better environment to live in. Choose your friends wisely and don't forget about those who have stood by your side for years. Old friendships will offer strength, encouragement and support. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*: Don't be fooled by your imagination or the assumptions others make. Stick to basics and rely on truth, facts and what you know. A little force behind your plans will give you the momentum required to excel. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are smart, disciplined and original. You are aggressive and opportunistic.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	3	1				9	5	
2			5		1			6
5				7				3
	2		1		8		9	
		7		5		2		
	1		4		7		8	
9				8				7
1			3		5			8
	6	3				5	4	

Difficulty Level ★ 3/27

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

5	2	6	9	8	4	7	1	3
1	8	3	2	5	7	9	6	4
9	7	4	6	3	1	8	2	5
8	6	2	4	7	3	5	9	1
7	4	5	8	1	9	6	3	2
3	1	9	5	6	2	4	7	8
2	5	1	7	9	8	3	4	6
6	3	7	1	4	5	2	8	9
4	9	8	3	2	6	1	5	7

Difficulty level ★★★★ 3/24

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

CORONA BOREALIS — Solution: 13 letters

A	P	B	I	N	A	R	Y	D	C	O	C	A	R	D
M	T	C	O	S	M	A	L	L	E	A	A	T	E	B
P	O	E	N	A	M	G	I	S	R	L	N	S	I	R
R	L	D	H	M	A	S	P	I	N	S	T	E	S	I
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L	M	G	N	R	E	D	O	O	P	B	E	F	E	H
U	Y	L	O	E	N	O	K	A	L	L	R	A	M	T
C	I	E	V	E	T	E	C	U	N	A	C	D	Y	I
R	C	C	A	E	H	S	E	E	W	N	U	E	T	A
I	I	I	S	O	N	W	D	D	O	O	L	O	H	N
C	T	N	L	E	H	S	O	H	R	L	E	U	O	J
I	A	E	P	I	R	A	M	O	C	I	S	T	L	I
M	N	R	T	A	E	L	D	E	R	S	P	O	O	L
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S	V	B	L	A	C	K	H	O	L	E	S	O	Y	N

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Last Friday's Answer: Seabirds

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(2) Cook, minimum salary. Mail resume to Everest Kitchen Company PMB 1311 Box 10002 Saipan MP, 96950

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yum0821@hotmail.com

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1 Scuba Diving Instructor, $6.55 - $7.05/hr. Min 5 years exp. Must speak, write & read Japanese. Certified by PADI. Napori Shoukai Inc. Tel. 235-2320

1-Maintenance Electrician $6.55/hr. w/ 5 yrs. exp.; 1-Building Maintenance Repairer. $6.55/hr. w/ 4 yrs. Exp. Mail resume to Pacific Daiken Co., Ltd., P.O. Box 501042, Saipan MP 96950 or email to eda@pacificdaiken.com

1 Irrigation Technician, 2 yrs experience required $6.55-7.25 per hour. Apply at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort in Kagman III

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1 Commercial Cleaner
1 General Maintenance
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3-Cook, 2-Maintenance, 2-Beautician with at least 2 years experience. Interested applicants call Susan S. Castro at 287-5961.

WHATZIT Solution:
The middle of nowhere

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Closing Date: March 28, 2017

(2) Barber
(3) All-around Beautician
(1) Business Operations Manager
(1) Sales/Accounting Clerk
(1) Air-con Technician

Interested applicants,
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(1) Refrigeration & Aircon Technician - High School/Vocational Diploma w/ 2 yrs. experience
(2) Sales Representative - High School Diploma w/ 1 yr. work experience
(1) Production Clerk - High School Diploma w/ 1 yr. work experience
(3) Baker - High School Diploma w/ 2 yrs. work experience
(2) Cake Decorator - High School Diploma w/ 1 yr. work experience
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(1) Cook Assistant - High School Diploma w/ 6 mos. work experience

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Interested applicants may send their resume to sales.saipan@hermansbakery.com or pick-up an application form at our HR office at Tun Herman Pan (Airport Road)

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TECHNICAL DIRECTOR and HEAD COACH

Location: Saipan, CNMI.
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- Introduce and demonstrate up to date training methods and playing techniques to players and then plan, organize, and conduct training and practice sessions.
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Oregon upsets Kansas to punch Final Four ticket

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Oregon lost one of its best players to an injury just before the NCAA Tournament, had to survive two nail-biters to reach the Midwest Regional finals, and then faced a top-seeded Kansas team that had romped to the brink of the Final Four.

Of course, the Ducks would rise to the occasion.

With swagger and verve and downright prolific shooting, the plucky team that everybody wanted to count out rolled to a 74-60 victory over the Jayhawks on Saturday night, earning the Ducks their first trip to the national semifinals in nearly 80 years.

"You feel so good for so many people," said Ducks coach Dana Altman, who is headed to his first Final Four after 13 trips to the NCAA Tournament. "It's a team effort. You feel good for a lot of people."

Indeed, a whole lot of people had a hand in it.

Tyler Dorsey hit six 3s and poured in 27 points, Dillon Brooks added 17 and Jordan Bell finished with 11 points, 13 rebounds and eight blocks in a virtuoso performance for the Ducks (33-5), who seized the lead with 16 minutes left in the first half and never trailed the rest of the way.

Now, they'll face the winner of Sunday's game between North Carolina and Kentucky in the Final Four in Glendale, Arizona. It will be their first trip since 1939, when the Tall Firs won it all.

Player of the year candidate Frank Mason III had 21 points in his final game for the Jayhawks (31-5), but the offensive fireworks and steady poise that had carried them to a 13th straight Big 12 title fizzled just 40 minutes from campus on a night where very little went right.

Star freshman Josh Jackson was mired in early foul trouble. Sharpshooting guard Devonte Graham never got on track. And the swagger the Jayhawks showed in humiliating Purdue in the Sweet 16 simply evaporated for a team that rolled to the Elite Eight by an average margin of 30 points.

"I'm disappointed for them more than I am for me," said Kansas coach Bill Self, who fell to 2-7 in Elite Eight game, including four defeats as a No. 1 seed. "But the one thing that happened today, and it's hard to admit, the best team did win today."

The Ducks knew everything was stacked against them, but the point was only driven home when their bus passed the Power and Light District in downtown Kansas City on the way to the arena. Thousands of fans in red and blue were rallying hours before the tipoff, turning it into a de facto road game.

But the torrid shooting of Brooks, Ennis and Dorsey quickly deflated the sold-out Sprint Center, and sent a warning shot to the Jayhawks that they were in for a fight.

"You've got to give them credit," Graham said. "They hit some big shots."

Foul trouble sent Jackson to the bench for much of the first half, allowing the Ducks carve to out a comfortable lead. Then Dorsey finished the half with back-to-back 3s, including a deep bank shot at the buzzer, as the Ducks pranced to their locker room relishing in a 44-33 advantage.

AP

Oregon guard Dylan Ennis (31) drives to the basket ahead of Kansas guard Josh Jackson (11) during the second half of the Midwest Regional final of the NCAA men's college basketball tournament, Saturday, March 25, 2017, in Kansas City, Mo.

Jackson didn't score until midway through the second half, and said later he'd "never been in such a tough position." Graham was 0 for 7 from the field, missing all six of his 3s.

The Jayhawks eventually began to whittle into their deficit, doing most of the work at the free-throw line. But the Ducks kept answering just enough to keep the crowd from giving Kansas anything extra.

When Svi Mykhailiuk scored to make it 64-55, Ennis answered with a driving basket. When Mykhailiuk buried a 3 from the corner to make it 66-60 with 2:49 left, Dorsey answered at the other end with another 3-pointer as the shot-clock expired to give Oregon some breathing room.

A few minutes later, the Ducks were cutting down the nets to end a satisfying trip to Kansas City.

"The seven years we've been at Oregon, we've had great guys to work with," Altman said, "but I also feel good for all the other players, the ex-players, who have built Oregon basketball. Like we said, 1939 is a long drought, but we owe all the ex-players."

Gonzaga 83, Xavier 59

In San Jose, California, the criticism dogged Gonzaga wherever it went, no matter how much it won.

The Zags run up their record by beating up on teams in a weak conference, then always seemed to come up short as the calendar went deep into March. Few outside of Spokane believed the program Mark Few helped build from scratch belonged in the national powerhouse conversation.

Overrated no more, Gonzaga is finally headed to the Final Four.

The Zags took the pressure of history head on with a performance worthy of their No. 1 seed, rolling to a dominating win over Xavier in the West Region final on Saturday that should silence those critics.

"Just an incredible feeling of elation and satisfaction," Few said. "It's been a long, hard journey to get this program here."

Few and the Zags have won the West Coast Conference Tournament 16 times, been regulars in the NCAA Tournament since 1999, reached the Sweet 16 eight times.

The Final Four was the only missing piece to their resume.

The Zags (36-1) claimed their spot in Arizona and history with a superb all-around game, showing off their usual offensive efficiency while flexing the smothering type of defense that had previously been the chink in their armor.

Gonzaga made 12 of 24 shots from 3-point range after struggling the first three NCAA Tournament games.

The Zags were No. 1 in defensive efficiency during the regular season and shut down the underdog and 11th-seeded Musketeers (24-14) to become the first WCC team to reach the Final Four in 60 years.

Nigel Williams-Goss scored 23 points while orchestrating Gonzaga's efficient offense after struggling against West Virginia. Johnathan Williams added 19 points and center Przemek Karnowski, who was still recovering from back surgery a year ago, created open perimeter looks with his deft passing out of the post.

Now the Zags are headed to the desert, where they'll play the winner between South Carolina and Florida in next week's Final Four.

"The Final Four doesn't validate or discredit a season. It's not an end-all, be-all," Williams said. "Gonzaga has been a great program and we're just happy to keep carrying the torch."

The Musketeers brought their turn-the-page jar of ashes to the NCAA Tournament, where they burned through a string of upsets to reach their third Elite Eight and first since 2008.

Their bid for the program's first Final Four ran into a buzz saw.

Xavier played well offensively early to hang with the Zags, giving super fan Bill Murray and the rest of their supporters a glimmer of hope. Once Gonzaga got rolling, the Musketeers had no answer.

"They're really good. Sometimes you just lose to a better team," Xavier coach Chris Mack said. "They've proven it all year long."

The Zags struggled to find an offensive rhythm against West Virginia in the regional semifinals—who doesn't?—but had it flowing against Xavier.

After hitting 29 percent of its 3-point shots its first three NCAA games, Gonzaga found the range against Xavier, hitting 8 of 13 from the arc in the first half, mostly against the Musketeers' zone or on kick-outs from Karnowski.

Duffy, Kennedy will front Royals' rotation

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP)—Danny Duffy will start on opening day for the Kansas City Royals after he began last season in the bullpen.

Manager Ned Yost also announced the rest of his rotation on Saturday. Ian Kennedy will start the second game and the April 10 home opener against Oakland. Jason Hammel, Jason Vargas and Nathan Karns will round out the rotation in that order.

Kansas City opens the season on April 3 at Minnesota.

"Really a tough week," Duffy said with a laugh.

The 28-year-old Duffy returned to the Royals' camp wearing a gold medallion after helping Team USA win the World Baseball Classic. He went 2-0 in the WBC.

The left-hander made 15 relief appearances last season before being inserted into the rotation on May 15. He went 12-3 in 26 starts, winning 10 straight decisions from June 11-Aug. 21. He set a franchise record with 16 strikeouts on Aug. 1 at Tampa Bay.

"With what Danny did last year and this spring, we feel he has earned this," Yost said. "We knew this was the direction we were going to go weeks before we even showed up at spring training. We've watched Danny grow and mature to this level."

Duffy walked away from baseball during spring training in 2010 and returned on June 2. He underwent Tommy John surgery on June 13, 2012.

Yost told Duffy of his decision on Friday after he allowed three runs over six innings against Seattle, but not before teasing him initially. Yost informed Duffy that Hammel would start the season opener and to get ready for the third game before sharing the real plan with him.

"I just kind of let it sink in and let him make the announcement," Duffy said. "It's pretty exciting."

While Yost may have known for weeks that Duffy would be his No. 1 starter, Duffy did not take it for granted.

Ronaldo hits 70 goals, Dutch stunned in qualifiers

AP
Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates after scoring a goal during the World Cup Group B qualifying soccer match between Portugal and Hungary at the Luz stadium in Lisbon Saturday, March 25, 2017.

LISBON, Portugal (AP)—While Cristiano Ronaldo kept moving up Europe's all-time scorers list on Saturday, a demoralizing loss to Bulgaria endangered the Netherlands' World Cup qualification.

With two goals in Portugal's 3-0 win over Hungary, Ronaldo moved into fourth place on the all-time scorers list for European nations.

Ronaldo's 70 in 137 appearances trail only Miroslav Klose (71), Sandor Kocsis (75) and Ferenc Puskas (84).

Here is a look at World Cup qualifiers in Europe:

GROUP A

Teenager Matthijs de Ligt's dream debut for the Netherlands quickly turned into a nightmare as he handed Bulgaria an early goal.

Just five minutes into the match De Ligt let a speculative ball fall over his shoulder before he collided with goalkeeper Jeroen Zoet, allowing Spas Delev to tap in.

Delev made it 2-0 in the 20th when he curled a shot past De Ligt's attempted block and into the bottom corner of Zoet's goal.

Injuries had forced coach Danni Blind to make the risky choice of De Ligt who, at 17, became the youngest Netherlands debutant since Mauk Weber in 1931.

After the stunning loss, the manager took the blame.

"I blame myself," Blind told national broadcaster NOS, adding that, "It can't go on like this. Things have to change."

The Netherlands, which failed to qualify for the European Championship last year, looks likely to struggle to reach the World Cup in Russia.

France stayed on top of the group with 13 points after beating Luxembourg 3-1 thanks to Olivier Giroud's double and a penalty by Antoine Griezmann.

Sweden is second with 10 points after thrashing Belarus 4-0. The Netherlands slid to fourth with seven points, behind Bulgaria with nine.

GROUP B

Ronaldo appears to have found his ideal partner up front for in Andre Silva.

The 21-year-old striker scored Portugal's opener in the 32nd before quickly getting Ronaldo on track.

Ronaldo struck both goals from outside the area, first slashing home a left-footer off Silva's pass, followed by a right-footed free kick from an angle to seal the win in Lisbon.

"We started off slowly, but the first goal gave our confidence a boost and the other goals came naturally," Ronaldo told Portuguese television.

Portugal strengthened its hold on second place with 12 points, opening a gap over Hungary, which stayed with seven points in third.

Switzerland earned a fifth win in as many matches after beating Latvia 1-0 to remain on top of the group with 15 points.

Still stuck at the foot of the table, Andorra nevertheless savored the end to a losing streak that had lasted 58 competitive matches stretching over 11 years after drawing with Faroe Islands 0-0.

When Portugal last faced Hungary in June, Ronaldo netted twice in a 3-3 thriller that kept his team on course to win the European Championship.

Ronaldo made sure the rematch in Lisbon was a one-sided affair with some help from his young partner in strike.

Silva first tapped in a pass by Raphael Guerreiro for his fifth goal for Portugal since making his international debut in September.

The striker then added a deft control of a long ball before passing for Ronaldo to fire a left-footed shot from outside the area into the corner of the net.

Silva is having a breakout season for FC Porto, scoring four times in the Champions League and 15 more in the Portuguese league.

"Silva is doing a phenomenal job," Ronaldo said.

GROUP H

Romelu Lukaku saved Belgium's place at the top of Group H, snatching a 1-1 draw in Brussels after being frustrated all night by an unyielding Greece defense. Lukaku chested down the fall and fired past goalkeeper Stefano Kapino with only two minutes of regular time remaining.

Greece finished the game with nine men, but surprised the favorites just 20 seconds into the second half when Costas Mitroglou caught defenders off guard and scored.

Belgium was left with 13 points to Greece's 11.

Bosnia closed to 10 points after a 5-0 rout of Gibraltar with zero points. Estonia and Cyprus have four points each after a 0-0 draw.

Wall scores 37 as Wizards down LeBron, Cavs

CLEVELAND (AP)—John Wall scored 37 points, Bradley Beal added 27 and the Washington Wizards began a challenging road trip by beating LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers 127-115 on Saturday night.

Wall scored 18 in the first quarter, when the Wizards shot 82 percent, and Washington held on down the stretch to avenge an overtime loss to the NBA champions last month.

James, who briefly wore goggles to protect an eye injury sustained Friday night, scored 24 and added 11 rebounds and eight assists. Kyrie Irving added 23 points and Kevin Love 17 for Cleveland, playing at home for the only time in a seven-game stretch.

Washington's victory cut Cleveland's lead in the Eastern Conference to a half-game over idle Boston.

But even more importantly, the Wizards, who are 29-10 since Jan. 6 and within 2 1/2 games of first, showed they could put a complete game together against the Cavs -- a possible playoff opponent. They lost to Cleveland 140-135 on Feb. 6, when James banked in an impossible 3-pointer to force OT.

Trailing from early in the first quarter, the Cavs got within four in the fourth and were down only eight when Wall scored on a layup and Otto Porter delivered a dagger dunk to make it 123-111.

Cavs coach Tyronn Lue called time and pulled his starters, conceding the win to the Wizards, who are playing with swagger and have the look of a team poised to make some postseason noise.

James scratched his right cornea on Friday night when he got poked in the eye by Charlotte's Jeremy Lamb. He stayed in the game, but afterward said there was a chance he would rest against the Wizards and the Cavs listed him as questionable until about two hours before tip-off.

James took the floor wearing glasses for the first time in his career and played the first eight minutes before tossing them aside.

Wall, who played Friday after shaking off a migraine headache and helped Washington clinch a playoff spot, didn't miss in the first quarter, when the Wizards barely misfired.

Wall went 8 for 8 and scored 18, and Washington made 18 of 22 shots while opening a 14-point lead over the Cavs, who continue to insist they'll get their defensive issues addressed before the playoffs.

Clippers 108, Jazz 95

In Los Angeles, Jamal Crawford scored 28 points off the bench, and Los Angeles beat Utah to clinch a playoff berth for the sixth straight year.

The Clippers trail the Jazz by a half-game in their race for the No. 4 playoff seed in the West.

Blake Griffin added 15 points and DeAndre Jordan had 15 rebounds for the Clippers.

Rudy Gobert had 26 points and 14 rebounds for Utah, and reserve Joe Johnson added 17 points. The Jazz have dropped four of five.

Spurs 106, Knicks 98

In San Antonio, Kawhi Leonard scored 29 points, LaMarcus Aldridge added 19 points and 10 rebounds, and San Antonio beat New York.

San Antonio has won four straight heading into home games against Cleveland on Monday and Golden State on Wednesday. The Spurs (56-16) are two games behind the Warriors (58-14) for the league's best record.

San Antonio ensured there would not be a repeat of its disappointing 94-90 loss in New York on Feb. 12, but not without some tense moments.

Derrick Rose and Willy Hernangomez each scored 24 points and Hernangomez added 13 rebounds. Mindaugas Kuzminskas had 19 points starting in place of Carmelo Anthony, who missed his second straight game with a sore left knee.

Raptors 94, Mavericks 86

In Dallas, DeMar DeRozan and Serge Ibaka scored 18 points apiece and Toronto beat Dallas for its fifth straight victory.

The Raptors, who came back from 15-point deficits to win each of their last two games, made it a little easier on themselves Saturday. Toronto scored the game's first seven points and never trailed in dealing the Mavericks' playoff hopes a damaging blow.

Harrison Barnes scored 23 points for Dallas, which missed 18 of its first 22 3-pointers and finished just 7 of 28 from behind the arc.

Patrick Patterson added 14 points for Toronto, including a perfect 4 for 4 on 3-pointers.

The Mavericks fell four games behind Denver for the final playoff spot in the West.

Trail Blazers 112, Timberwolves 100

In Portland, CJ McCollum scored 32 points and Portland continued its push for the playoffs with a victory over Minnesota.

Damian Lillard added 21 points for the Blazers, who have won 10 of their last 13 games. Portland has seven of its last 10 games at home.

The Blazers pulled within a game of the Denver Nuggets for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Andrew Wiggins had 20 points for Minnesota, which lost its sixth consecutive game overall and seventh straight on the road. The Timberwolves, who trailed by as many as 24 points in the second half, are six games behind Portland in the West.

Dustin Johnson, Jon Rahm advance to semis of Match Play

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Dustin Johnson answered a rare challenge and Jon Rahm delivered another early knockout Saturday to advance to the semifinals of the Dell Technologies Match Play, staying on track for a potential showdown between No. 1 in the world and golf's brightest new star.

Johnson has looked so unbeatable this week that he led all 71 holes he had played until he lost a 3-up lead at the turn and was all square in his quarterfinal match when Alex Noren of Sweden holed a 40-foot birdie putt on No. 12.

Johnson answered with three birdies in four holes and won, 3 and 2.

Rahm was so dominant Saturday he played only 27 holes in two matches, and none of his last three matches have gone beyond the 14th hole. The 22-year-old rookie from Spain still hasn't played the 18th hole since a practice round Tuesday.

After a 6-and-4 victory over Charles Howell III in the morning fourth round, he was even better in a 7-and-5 victory over Soren Kjeldsen. Rahm said only his 65 in the final round to win at Torrey Pines was a better brand of golf.

"The golf I've played the last three matches really has been very impressive, even to myself," he said. "And it seemed to get better as I played, which is something that doesn't happen often."

Rahm faces a semifinal match Sunday morning against Bill Haas, who ended Phil Mickelson's hopes with a 2-and-1 victory in the quarterfinals. Mickelson had advanced to the quarters for the first time in 13 years with a victory against Marc Leishman.

Mickelson never trailed in any match until he fell behind on the first hole to Haas, and he never led when the match ended on the 17th hole.

"I struggled making the putts that I have been making all week," Mickelson said. "That seemed to me to be the difference."

Johnson, going after a third straight PGA Tour title, faces one of this tournament's biggest surprises in Hideko Tanihara of Japan.

Tanihara began the week by beating Jordan Spieth. On Saturday, he took down Paul Casey with two late birdies in the morning, and then Ross Fisher, 4 and 2, to reach the semifinals.

"He looks unbeatable," Tanihara said. "I hope he doesn't feel good tomorrow, so maybe I have a chance."

Johnson has looked unstoppable all month.

He went to No. 1 in the world with a five-shot victory at Riviera. In his next start, he won the Mexico Championship after holding off a late rally from Rahm. Now he's two victories away from becoming the first player to sweep the four World Golf Championships.

AP

Dustin Johnson lines up a putt on the sixth hole during the Dell Technologies Match Play golf tournament at Austin County Club, Saturday, March 25, 2017, in Austin, Texas.

None of Johnson's five matches has gone beyond the 16th hole. In the fourth round, he beat Zach Johnson, 5 and 4. Noren is the only player to really make him sweat, and that was Johnson's doing.

Johnson went 3 up at the turn, and then it was gone. He three-putted from 30 feet to lose the 10th hole. His tee shot on the par-3 11th hit the rocks and went into the water. And then he had to settle for par after leaving himself in an awkward spot, only to watch Noren hole a 40-footer to tie the match.

Johnson holed a 10-foot birdie putt on the 13th - Noren missed from 8 feet - and then began to pull away with another 10-foot birdie on the 15th.

"That putt on 13 I think was a big one," Johnson said. "That was just outside of him, and to hole that putt, put a little pressure on him, and then he missed it, I think that was a pretty important shot there."

A lost week for McIlroy

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Call it a lost week in Texas in an already unusual year for Rory McIlroy.

The four-time major champion from Northern Ireland lost his opening round at the Dell Technologies Match Play, then lost any chance of advancing when Gary Woodland withdrew from the group a day later for what was described as a personal family matter. That move guaranteed Denmark's Soren Kjeldsen would win the group and McIlroy would be shut out of the knockout stages.

So what's the world No. 2 to do? Time to look ahead to the Masters.

On Friday morning, McIlroy teed off against Argentina's Emiliano Grillo and they splashed their way around a soggy Austin Country Club for a meaningless 18 holes. Even that was a dull affair as they halved the match before making their getaway for the weekend. McIlroy had played no fewer than seven matches in this tournament the previous two years and won it in 2015.

"Emiliano and I were just like, 'What do we do?' Walking up 18, we could have just called it a half and not even bothered," McIlroy said. "It is odd whenever you have nothing to play for. I guess that's both our faults. We didn't win our matches on the first day. If it had been the old format, I would have already been home."

The weird week in Austin was just another odd chapter for him in 2017.

He's played only 14 official rounds of golf this year because a hairline fracture in a rib sidelined him for seven weeks. After Woodland withdrew, McIlroy sat out Thursday's matches and watched the rest of the field battle winds that saw gusts top 30 mph.

McIlroy was glad to not be facing the same conditions, but it was one less round of golf with the Masters just two weeks away. McIlroy won't change his plan to skip the Houston Open just to get in some extra play.

VALDEZ

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be competing in. In June, he will participate in a tournament in Hawaii, while he is also eyeing a world event later this year. Valdez will also join the Northern Marianas Bodybuilding and Physique Federation-organized CNMI Championships in July.

Meanwhile, in the junior physique category, newcomer Evan Becher ruled the four-man field. The first-timer defeated fellow new participants Kodin Diaz, Nathan Nogis, and Sean Japor.

In the women's division, Jennifer Choi was the lone entry in both the women's figure and women's physique categories.

Choi, Valdez, Aldan, Belcher, and the second and third finishers in the juniors physique got medals and trophies. CBF president John Davis, former women's physique champion Jocelyn Itibus, and Dee Clayton presented the awards to the winners.

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24-35, when Mariana Resort's offense went into full gear to break the game wide open, 71-42. Prince Factor dropped 8 of his 14 points in that pivotal quarter, while Mel Sakisat, Frank Lifoifoi, and Jun Fidelino scored three field goals apiece to demolish Star Water.

Fidelino led four Mariana Resort players in double figures with his 19 points. Sakisat chipped in 15, while Frank Lifoifoi contributed 10. Three other players of the Thompson Palik-coached Mariana Resort combined for 22 more markers.

Melvin Gallardo had 17 points on a losing effort for Star Water, which kept pace with Mariana Resort in the first quarter, 14-17, but proved to be no match to its foe's potent offense the rest of the way.

In the curtain-raiser, TanHoldings' solid offense was also in full display, as it pounded CUC in the fourth canto.

CUC was very much in the game, as it was down by only 8, 55-63, after Eugene Manglona opened the payoff frame with 5 straight points. However, TanHoldings countered with a back-breaking 17-0 run in a span of about five minutes to finish off CUC.

Douglas Schmidt buried three triples and scored 11 points in that rally, which was snapped by a Travis Spaeth's point-blanked shot down to the last there minutes and change of the match. Paul Quizon then hit back-to-back treys to put the icing on the cake, as TanHoldings arranged a semis duel against the upset-minded McDonald's.

McDonald's, which stunned two higher seeds foes to make it to the Final Four, will challenge the unbeaten TanHoldings tonight at 6:30pm. In the other semis pairing at 8pm, it will be Mariana Resort versus Best Deal/RNV Construction. Winners of tonight's games will battle in a best-of-three title series that will begin on Wednesday.

First Game

TanHoldings 88 — Schmidt 24, Demapan 19, Esdrelon 16, Quizon 10, Nonato 7, Duenas 4, Pablo 4, Macoto 4, Vilamena 2.

CUC 65 — Manglona 23, Simada 15, Spaeth 10, Lieto 5, Pestillos 4, Mira 4, Poquiz 3.

Scoring by quarters: 25-17, 38-38, 63-50, 88-65.

Second Game

Mariana Resort 93 — Fidelino 19, Sakisat 17, Factor 14, F. Lifoifoi 10, J. Lifoifoi 9, Kani 7, James 6, Kitani 4, Prado 3, Ermitanio 2.

Star Water 59 — Gallardo 17, Santos 11, Dizon 10, Brel 9, Ombac 4, Gaviola 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-14, 35-24, 71-42, 93-59.

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Meanwhile, in the women's division, Kasumi Takahama crushed the course record, which former Saipan-based runner Mamiko Berger held, after the Japanese timed in at 4:02:50 in last weekend's competition. Berger's mark was 4:04:14 during the 2014 edition of the race.

Takahama was the runaway winner in her division as second placer Yasuko Miyazaki made it to the finish line at the 4:25:50. Debbie Tai was the third finisher in the women's division to break the five-hour barrier with her 4:54:00, while Yuko Matai (5:00:08), Kaori Marushima (5:15:09), and Yuko Fujimoto (5:28:08) rounded out the Top 6 overall finishers in the division.

In the age group categories, Agape Christian School's Caleb Wang was the fastest as he clocked in at 4:49:20 to rule the men's 15 to 19 division. Other first place finishers were 20 to 29's Taro Aikawa (5:33:02), 30 to 39's Fuji Takafumi (5:05:03), 40 to 49's Kiyohiko Taniguchi (4:49:55), 50 to 59's Yoshihiro Narui (4:56:55), and 69-year-old Masaharu Okijo (5:27:13) in the over 60 age group. In the women's division, the top finishers were 30 to 39's Sachie Nohara (6:48:41), 40 to 49's Maki Nishimura (6:19:09), and 50 to 59's Rika Katsuki (6:42:35)

King-Hinds leads full marathon finishers

Tinian's Kimberly King-Hinds ruled the women's full marathon race after posting 3:56:32.

She was the lone female runner to complete the 42.195K event under four hours, as runner-up Kayoko Ozeki of Japan timed in at 4:10:08. Saipan's Jennifer Choi (4:16:09) and Sakiko Eda (4:48:46) and Japan's Yoshiko Yamamori (4:27:32) and Asami Hejima (4:31:37) rounded out the Top 6.

In the men's field, Japan's Seiya Shimozawa logged 2:44:28 to take the top spot against Korea's Jinwan Kim (2:57:16), compatriot Yuki Yokosawa (3:03:32) and Saipan's Ronald Villafria (3:50:51), Joel Phair (3:55:54), and Taro Goto (4:02:51).

In the age group categories, barefoot runner Chang Whan Jang was the first finisher in the men's over 60, as the 64-year-old Saipan resident checked in at the 4:34:53. Agape Christian School's Kaiping Wang won the men's15 to 19 division with his 4:21:30, while other top finishers were 20 to 29's Toru Kikuchi (4:36:08), 30 to 39's Erik Stranava (4:05:06), 40 to 49's Toshiaki Kurowa (4:18:40), and 50 to 59's Edmundo Bata (4:22:59).

In the women's division age groups, the champions were 15 to 19's Tianbo Zhang (6:45:49), 20 to 29's Miasa Ando (5:28:23), 30 to 39's Qi Wang (5:24:51), and over 60's Ayako Yoshimura (5:51:19).

Marathon runners went to as far as the turn near the Last Command Post in Marpi and headed south to PIC before returning to Micro Beach for the finish.

2017 XTERRA Saipan Awards Ceremony

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Alan Moore, second left, and G.L. Brown, both from Ada, Michigan are honored as two of the oldest competitors in last week's 2017 XTERRA Saipan Championships during the awards banquet held at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's beach side.

Alan Moore poses with his medals. He also earned a ticket to the XTERRA World Championships that will be held in Maui, Hawaii later this year.

Carina Wasle, left, answers a question from event host Glenn Policare.

The Philippines' Nestor Glenn Gonzalez, left, and Saipan's Tyce Mister pose with their medals after making it to the podium in the 50 to 54 age group.

Carina Wasle of Austria, right, and Mieko Carey pose for a photo after the former won her third XTERRA Saipan women's crown.

Japan's Yuji Ono, center, Nevada's Mark Walters, right, and Donald Stover of Denver, Colorado are the Top 3 finishers in the 55-59 age division.

From left, Motoka Kamo, Leilani Sablan, and Michelle Santos are the women's age group winners.

Host Glenn Policare, right, interviews Alan Moore after the latter received his medals.

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Repeat winner in ultra marathon

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Japanese Abe Masayuki celebrates his first place finish in the 50K race of last Saturday's 2017 Saipan Marathon.

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Japan's Abe Masayuki made it back-to-back as he finished first in the longest race in last Saturday's 2017 Saipan Marathon.

The 32-year old runner completed the grueling 50K race in 3:24:03, nearly breaking the course record of compatriot Yasutaka Monde, who clocked in at 3:23:01 in 2015. Masayuki's time was the second best since Saipan Marathon held the 50K event in 2012 and though he failed to surpass Monde's mark, the former shattered his own record last year (3:39:22).

Masayuki reached the finish line at the Micro Beach more than 10 minutes ahead of Koki Kawauchi, who submitted 3:34:13. It was an all-Japanese show for the Top 6 overall rankings in the men's 50K with Kazuyuki Meutsuri coming in at third place with his 3:45:32 and followed by Shinji Takahama (4:02:31), Yutaka Aoki (4:12:36), and Taro Kubo (4:37:07). Masayuki and the more than 30 runners, including a newly-wed dressed in gown and tuxedo, left the starting line at 4:30am. They headed north up to near the Last Command Post before going to Capitol Hill (before turning to the street going to Mt. Tapochao climb) and then down to Pacific Islands Club and back to the start/finish line.

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TanHoldings, Mariana Resort ease into semis

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Top 2 seeds TanHoldings and Mariana Resort are one step away from setting up their anticipated title duel in the JEM Company Ltd./Mobil Customer Appreciation Basketball League.

TanHoldings marched into the semifinals after coasting past Commonwealth Utilities Corp., 88-65, last last Friday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium, while Mariana Resort gained the last Final Four berth after a similar easy victory over Star Water, 93-59.

Mariana Resort, which was still unbeaten in the competition and finished second behind TanHoldings in the rankings going into the playoffs, broke Star Water's any hopes for an upset after posting the 34-point winning margin, thanks to the former's 36-point explosion in the third quarter.

Star Water was still facing a manageable deficit at the start of the third canto,

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Mariana Resort defenders surround Star Water's Melvin Gallardo during the first quarter of their playoff game in the JEM/Mobil caging last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Valdez tops Marianas Muscle

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Participants in the 3rd Marianas Muscle Bodybuilding and Physique Competition pose for a photo after the event held last Saturday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

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Enrico Valdez won his one-on-one showdown against perennial rival Vincent Aldan in the 3rd Marianas Muscle Bodybuilding and Physique Competition held last Saturday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Valdez topped the men's physique division, avenging his loss to Aldan in the same tournament last year.

"It was great to win this year despite having not so much preparation. I joined for fun and just remained consistent with my workout and watched my diet," said Valdez.

Last Saturday's competition was just one of the several events that Valdez will

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